

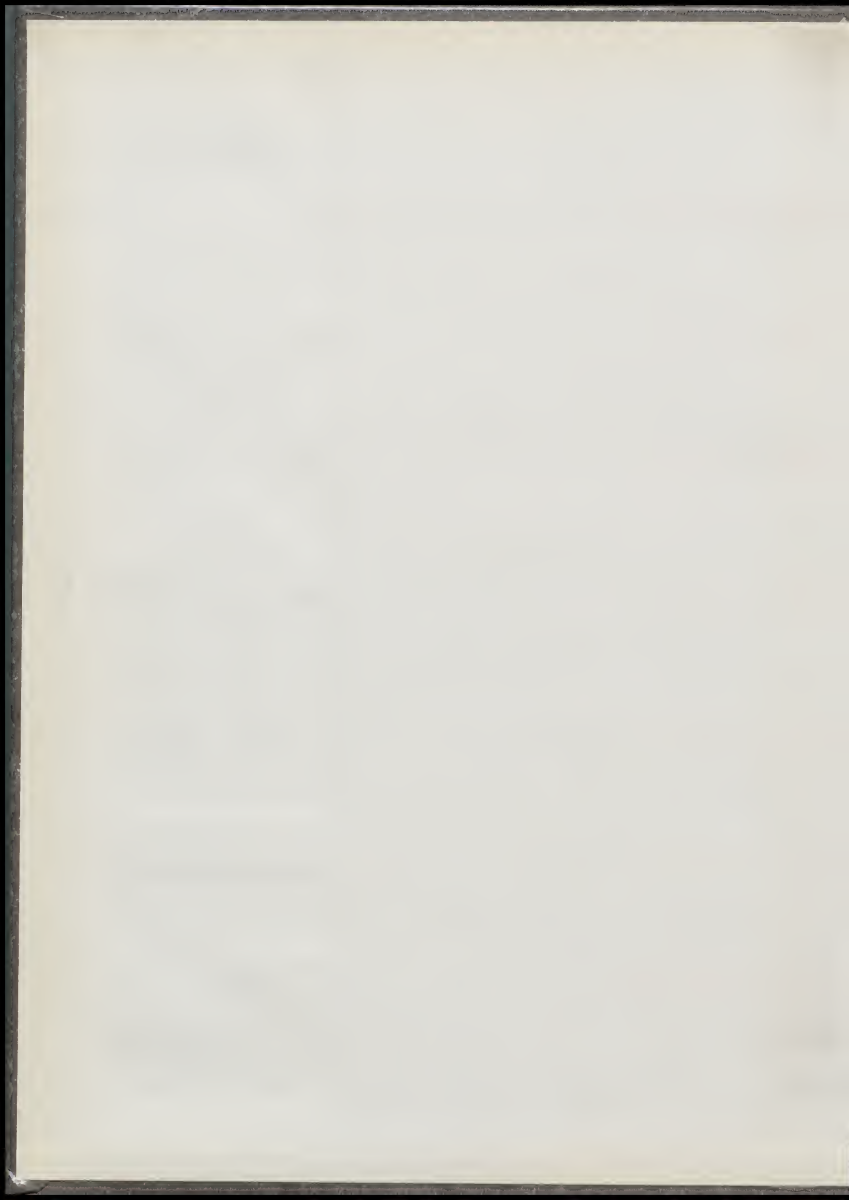
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WHAT

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*M*asked with spirit, Steve Colbert, senior, dresses himself and his tuba in red and white garb at the annual Homecoming pep session. Spontaneous personalities sparked change as students left people wondering, what will they think of next?



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CATCHING

STUDENTS

OUT OF

fully equipped with folders, notebooks, pens and pencils (erasers included), calculator and backpack, you sauntered confidently back into school on Aug. 29 ready for anything— *or so you thought*. In spite of all possible precautions, nothing could have prepared you for what you were about to encounter.

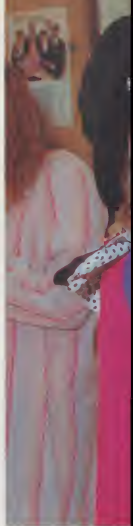
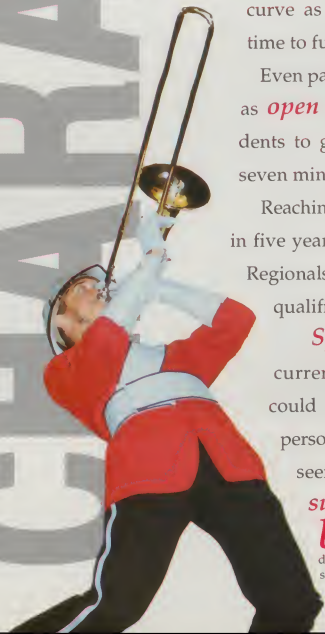
New teaching techniques shattered traditional methods as *cooperative learning groups* replaced lectures and invited more student participation and less teacher direction. Required *summer reading* threw students for a curve as they sacrificed their tanning time to fulfill their assignments.

Even passing periods took a new twist as *open courtyards* prompted students to get some fresh air during the seven minutes between classes.

Reaching *Semi-state* for the first time in five years, the Boys' Tennis Team won Regionals, while the Girls' Swim Team qualified seven for State.

Spur-of-the-moment occurrences and sudden diversions could catch even the most prepared person off guard. If you thought you'd seen it all, you were in for a big *surprise*.

bending over backwards, Doug Wadle, freshman, belts out the notes of "Sing, Sing, Sing" during the Homecoming halftime. From steps to swing, the band performed hits from the Forties.





discussing the possible outcome of the upcoming game, co-captain Mark Palmer, senior; Ron Davidson, sophomore and Min Park,

junior, relax before warming up for the match against Andrean. For the first time in five years, the Varsity Boys' Tennis Team advanced to Semi-state.

already in costume for the DECA balloon sale, seniors Deanna Klepser and Lisa Hoekema tighten the strings before hitting the halls. Painted faces and furry costumes provided a change of pace to normal club fundraisers as DECA added over \$300 to their funds.

Sent out of the class to make up an exam, juniors Greer Goodman and Pete Johnson find that moving beyond the confines of a small desk and stretching out in an open hallway helped ease the pain of makeup work.

One act plays • Red Ribbon Week •

While their dates take a breather, seniors Aaron Lander and Keith Kozubal brush up on their slow dancing. Trying a new approach to the traditional Homecoming dance, students added a little gusto to a familiar evening.



Heading to the Homecoming pep rally, senior Geoff Erakovich and junior Shaun Smith give senior Mark Lopez a boost for a quick glimpse of his friends in class. To break a routine school day, students looked to create playful diversions.



As Mrs. Pat Bakker, the lunch serving lady, weighs the ham for a submarine sandwich, Miss Karen Markovich, math teacher, piles the tomatoes on her freshly made deli bar

sandwich. Through Student Government's efforts, the cafeteria added a deli bar to the meal offerings to give students and staff a chance to match their individual tastes.

*d*espite the notion that school and boredom were synonymous, not everything turned out as dull as you thought. Aside from the daily schedule, not much else was routine. In fact, some sights and sounds in the halls bordered on incredible.

With time to spare on their hands, students conjured up *creative antics* for an imaginative change of pace. From dancing in the cafeteria during B lunch to having handstand contests in the Commons between classes, students did their best to deviate from routine.

Spicing up the lunch periods, the new Prime Time Pizza booth and Student Government's *deli bar* provided mouth-watering alternatives to buying a hot lunch or brown bagging it.

Diving all-out into Homecoming "*Under the Sea*", Student Government offered stag dance tickets for the first time.

From shambling for the shotgun seat to sneaking to Burger King for lunch, students went to all extremes to put spark into the ordinary school day. From all the little diversions to totally outrageous innovations, you just couldn't help but wonder, *what will they think of next?*

PUSHING

OURSELVES

BEYOND

EXTREMES

*h*aving to survive the daily doldrums of life in a small suburb required some creativity. But if you kept your eyes open, you couldn't miss the fact that things weren't as dull as they seemed.

From attending the murderous fall play "*The Mousetrap*" or switching roles for the Turnabout Dance to just hanging out with friends, *great expectations* led to mischief as school functions and personal fun spiced up boring weekends.

Slipping back into the repetitive routine of a regular schedule, jobs, family and the usual familiarities proved *just what you'd expect* despite a few unanticipated occurrences.

Whether a family conflict or simply stress, sudden disasters were *not what you'd expect* as life screeched to a halt, but got right back on track.

And you thought Munster was boring! But sooner or later, you finally figured it out. Whether swallowing live goldfish at the Homecoming Dance or letting it all out at a pep rally, you learned to *expect the unexpected*.

EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED ACTIVITIES

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trying to show his class spirit in a colorful way, Phil Mlynarski, junior, chooses to wear his confetti rather than throw it. Students went beyond normal expectations to jolt even the most conventional creatures.

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CLASS OF '99

SPIRITS SOARING

As they watch the Homecoming parade from the back of their class spirit truck, sophomores Annie Rawlings, Erin O'Connor and Amy Hansen dis-

cuss plans for after the parade. At school functions as well as on the weekends, friends took advantage of opportunities to socialize.

READY, AIM, FIRE!

Escaping a monotonous Friday night, Megan Lukisch, junior, and Pete Ronco, sophomore, play Pop-A-Crown at Wright's Barnyard arcade in Lansing. Students searched for an alternative plan to escape small town blues.

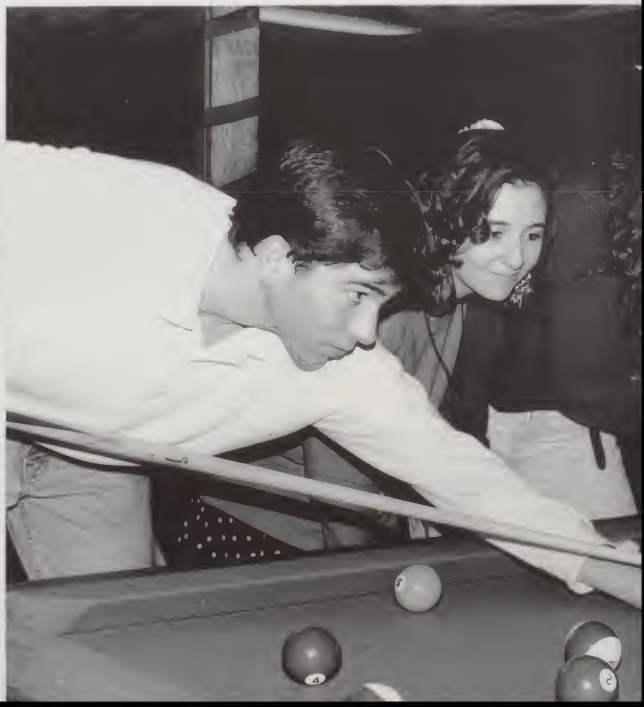
SNACK BREAK

While taking a break from their walk through Bieker Woods, seniors Kristy Tuzikowski and Julie Pearson stop for a snack during "Old Munster Days." Special events provided the opportunity for students to break away from the usual weekend.



CALLING THE SHOTS

To pass time before junior Julie Kirsch's surprise birthday party, junior Jim Brennan teaches juniors Christie Dal Corobbo and Lisa Hernandez how to play 8-Ball. Get together with friends gave students the chance to have a good time in a relaxing atmosphere.





Friends Battle Boredom

SHOOTING

FOR WEEKEND FUN

Small town blues set in when aspirations of an eventful weekend collapsed and students found themselves in an endless search for something better than another late night with West Coast Video.

Seeking creative alternatives to weekend boredom, friends got together to decide how to liven up a potentially dull evening. "When there's nothing to do, my friends and I dressed up as ninjas and chased the neighbors around the block," Rodney Blanco, freshman, said.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

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When tired of the usual weekend scenes, students turned to Chicago for a change of pace. Whether attending a Bulls game or hitting the 900 North Michigan Shops, students took advantage of the city's hustle and bustle. "Dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe and shopping at Watertower Place always seems to keep my friends and me busy for one night," Carolyn Tweedle, senior, said.

Concerts, movies and special occasions encouraged students looking for weekend alternatives. "We packed six people into a four-passenger car and trekked over 400 miles to see the Grateful Dead in Ohio one weekend," Andy Dorta, sophomore, said.

But when stuck at home and hit with the realization of absolutely nothing to do, students often had to settle for a quiet evening with their friends. "I can't go anywhere because I don't have my driver's license yet, and my friends and I are usually left to stay at each others houses," Kris Nowak, sophomore, said.

After another weekend passed, students dealt with the hassles of finding something to do. For the tenth weekend in a row, students returned "Pretty Woman" to the video store and attempted to escape the small town blues again.

FLOWER POWER

As "Under the Sea" plays in the background, Miranda Zambo, junior, fluffs flowers for Sebastian the crab's body at junior Kristan Hatton's house. Attacked nightly by eggs and water balloons from the seniors, the juniors tried to protect their float and capture the culprits on videotape.



PICTURE THIS

With a picture of Flounder in mind, Steven Colbert, senior, uses his creativity on Center Stage's window with hopes of taking the \$75 prize. Student Government members from each class painted the windows of Ridge Road along the parade route to help promote spirit.

AHEAD OF THE REST

In an effort to piece together the senior float, Flounder, Steve Sims uses a jigsaw to cut the "ribs" for the inner structure. Flounder's insides housed Randy Fehring, who moved the side fins and tail to float to a first place.



Strive for Perfection

FITTING

IT ALL TOGETHER

Although the school year had just begun, the halls already buzzed with anticipation. From discussing potential dance dates to planning float construction, preparation for Homecoming "Under the Sea" began almost immediately.

Backed by the master planning of Shane Gerson, the seniors hooked Flounder the fish and reeled in the workers at Michelle Layer's house. From inside the float, Randy Fehring moved Flounder's fins and tail. "It was CEC's idea to have moving parts but I implemented the plan with some simple

hardware," Shane said.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

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The worst part of float was when I got pulled over for allegedly egging the seniors' float and was charged with vandalism.

John Sarnecki, junior

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In Kristan Hatton's garage, the juniors worked on Sebastian the crab while Brad Caddick hosted the sophomore float, Scuttle the pelican.

With the construction underway, float building turned into float bombing as each float became the target of the opposing classes. "The worst part of float was when I got pulled over for allegedly egging the seniors' float and was charged with vandalism," John Sarnecki, junior, said.

As Homecoming drew nearer, Little Mermaid characters appeared on business windows on Ridge Road. Student Government members from each class showcased their art in hopes of winning the \$75 prize for their class. "I thought that it was a cute idea. Painting the windows helped get the town involved in

Homecoming," Jamie Block, sophomore, said.

Individuals as well as classes began preparing early for Sept. 21, Homecoming. Finding the perfect dress or hunting for the perfect date became a top priority for those who planned ahead to avoid the last-minute rush. "My girlfriend made the plans a month before and I just said yeah, yeah, yeah, whatever," Chris Jagadich, freshman, said.

When Homecoming finally arrived, students frantically tried to finish floats and organize their plans. Though the garage doors had been closed, the tickets had been bought and the eggs had been wiped away, Homecoming had just begun.

Pulling for a Victory

RIVALRY

SPARKS CLASS COMPETITION

Slyly plotting strategies against each other, classes transformed themselves into bitter enemies at Homecoming. Every class had the same goal—to win.

From building floats to pep rally pyramids, competition brought out fierce rivalry between classes. Float construction turned into all-out war as students sought to destroy their opposition with nightly egg and water balloon bombings. "I'll definitely remember float because instead of working, I chased some juniors who tried to egg us," Katy Kulas, senior, said. "I fell and broke my foot."

The traditional pep rally allowed the competitive classes a chance to show their true colors. Showing support for the football team, the students cheered as the team performed the pep rally rap. "The rap created school spirit, the mood of Homecoming," Varsity Football Coach Leroy Marsh, health and safety teacher, said.

After Student Body President Ehrlich Tan, senior, took the microphone, each class showed their spirit. Capturing the Spirit Award, seniors threw confetti, chanted "92," and soundly defeated the other classes. "I'll admit I was a little biased by letting the seniors chant longer than the others," Ehrlich said, "but by that point we had already won."

The seniors won the greased watermelon race and the egg and water balloon toss, and outplayed the sophomores and juniors before losing to the faculty team. "Nobody had a chance against the seniors," Jen Szypczak, sophomore, said. "Just look at the size difference."

The juniors and sophomores also had their moments of glory, with the sophomores running away with the three-legged race victory and the juniors winning the pyramid event. "I remember during the pep rally when we were practicing the pyramid and Dave Brown caught Ryan Stojkovich and I in mid-air as we fell off the pyramid," Julie Kirsch, junior, said.

The competitive nature affected the football team, who defeated the Lowell Red Devils 34-12. At halftime, Student Body Vice-President Kristy Tuzikowski, senior, announced that the seniors had swept the float, window painting and overall spirit contests. "I couldn't believe we won," Senior Class sponsor Ms. Jennifer Albright, secretary, said. "Could you believe that was our class?"

After the last piece of confetti floated down and the last shouts faded, the bitter enemies befriended each other again—until next year.



RACE FOR TIME

After the starting gunshot, freshman Angie Lulich and Heidi May begin their 50-yard run in the three-legged race at the pep rally.

Their efforts failed as sophomores Chris Tomeo and Carolyn Lukas stumbled across the finish line for first place.



SHOWING OFF

Displaying their two weeks of work, the classes parade their floats down Ridge Road. With the help of Mrs. Margaret Booth, orchestra teacher, senior Apu Patel waves to the crowd as they pull the first place float, Flounder, down the parade route;

juniors Amy Brown and Julie Kirsch put the finishing touches on the second place finisher, Sebastian; Scuttle, the third place sophomore float, makes its way down the street toward the school, its final destination.



END OF THE LINE

After suffering a defeat from the seniors, Natalie Anzur, junior, and the rest of the junior tug-of-war team collapse with exhaustion and laughter. Students still found time to relax and have fun while competing with their classes for first-place recognition.

PULL A WIN

Towing the line, the junior tug-of-war participants fight the rope as the lead goes to the seniors. Claiming victory for the third year in a row, the faculty took the high honors with the seniors right behind.

TOAST

OF THE TOWN

With red lipstick M's on their cheeks and clad in red and white, anxious students could hardly wait to get Homecoming festivities underway and show their class spirit.

Beginning Sept. 16, Spirit Week found students donning stripes with plaid for Clash Day and baseball caps to cowboy hats on Crazy Hat Day. "I saw more spirit this year than in the three years I've been back," Student Government sponsor Mrs. Renee Kouris, English teacher, said.

On Friday's half-day, students rushed after the pep rally to prepare for the parade. The parade traveled down Ridge Road back to school, where students got off the spirit trucks and went to catch up on sleep or eat a pregame dinner at the Speech and Debate Chicken Barbecue. "This year's barbecue was very successful. As people left they told me how much they enjoyed it and that they've been coming for years," Speech and Debate Team president Tina Yarovsky, senior, said.

Bundling up for the game against the Lowell Red Devils, students huddled with friends to keep warm as they awaited halftime and cheered on the football team. After the Poms and the fire baton twirler performed, the band played "Kiss the Girl" while the Homecoming Court lined up on the 50-yard line. Student Body President Ehrlich Tan, senior, crowned Carolyn Tweedle, senior, as the Homecoming Queen.

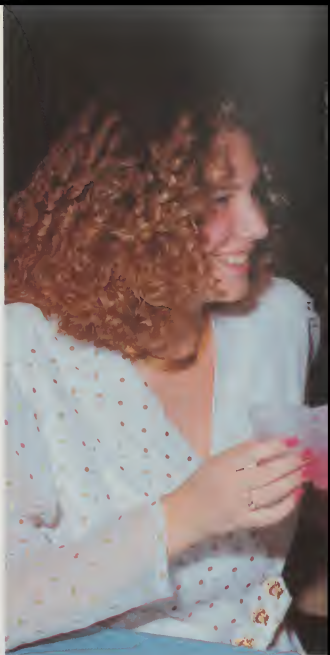
The festivities continued on Saturday with the dance from 7:30 to 11 p.m. That morning the Freshman Class transformed the Commons into an underwater world with balloons, Little Mermaid characters, fountains and live goldfish. "The ice sculpture at the dance was really cool, even though it was plastic," Colette Keslin, freshman, said.

All decked out, 231 couples and 3 stag students redeemed their \$18 tickets and danced to the music by Channel Z. "The DJ was excellent," Mrs. Kouris said. "Everyone was enjoying themselves, that's the point. You can't ask for more."

As the dance came to an end students carried out their post-dance plans. When the night drew to a close, tired students hugged, kissed or dodged their escorts goodnight and dragged themselves into bed, exhausted from all of the excitement.

ROYAL TREAT

During halftime the Homecoming Court poses for a few pictures. Court included Freshman Princess Jill Pfister, Sophomore Princess Mary Petrovich, Junior Princess Wendy Wilke, Homecoming Queen Carolyn Tweedle and Senior Princesses Debbie Brom and Amy Piniak.





HERE'S TO YOU

After a quick spin on the dance floor, John Reidelbach, junior, and Jennifer Harvey take a break and enjoy each other's company. Students enjoyed the punch, cookies, fruit and other refreshments the Student Government offered as an alternative to dancing the night away "Under the Sea".



QUICK PICK

As the theme song "Kiss the Girl" plays in the background, sophomores Lisa Krieger and Kristen Weber rack their brains for the perfect tune to dance to with their dates. The DJ, Channel Z, provided the music for the evening with tunes ranging from pop to classic rock.

ALL FOR ONE

At the front of the spirit truck, Sharon Slater, Regan Rokita, and Michelle Layer, seniors, show their class spirit for the senior float, Flounder. Students participated in class festivities by wearing red and white, buying mums, and chanting.



HELLO UP THERE

With "Knights in White Satin" ringing throughout the crowded Commons, sophomores David Hankin and Jamie Block share a quiet conversation. Even though 231 couples invaded the dance floor, students still managed to find room for themselves and their dates.

BROWN BAGGING IT

Debating whether milk goes before ice cream, seniors Kevin Ferguson and Apu Patel combine work efforts at the Speech and Debate Chicken Barbecue Dinner. With 1,700 tickets sold, the dinner raised \$7,000 to pay for the team's traveling expenses.

Unexpected twist

TRAPPED

ON STAGE

Darkness fills the stage. A gun shot followed by a shrill scream breaks the silence. "Three Blind Mice" plays slowly in the background.

Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*, a murder mystery about a child abuse case, played on Nov. 7, 8 and 10. "The play is not eerie, but more like a Hitchcock. You thought you knew who did it, but it's the person you least expected," Mr. Doug Irk, Drama Director, said. "That's probably why it played in England for so long."

Having only eight people in the cast helped to form a tight-knit group. "We had a very colorful cast," Tina Yarovsky, senior, said. "All four grades were represented and we got along well."

Veteran cast members found time to provide helpful hints and lend moral support to others. "I was so glad that they were there to help me through scenes I was having trouble with," Jeremy Kryt, junior, said.

By helping with costumes and make-up or designing props, crew members contributed backstage help to the show. "Working backstage gave me a chance to get to know the cast and other crew members while doing something I like to do," Amy Hansen, sophomore, said.

To escape the serious plot, the cast and crew took stress-relieving breaks. Dancing on stage or getting a bite to eat helped students to ease tension. "We liked to ride on the Genie lift and swing on Bungee cords from the lighting bars," Sean Gailmard, senior, said.

Despite all the goofing around, the cast did put in hard work and pleased themselves with their performances. "I was very happy with the script choice," Tim Bogner, sophomore, said. "Everything turned out well and we were able to keep the audience on the edge of their seats."

All efforts paid off once the stage lit up and the curtains parted to reveal the unexpected who dunnit twist.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

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WHO DUNNIT

Unknowingly talking to the murderer, Ted Wilford, senior, questions Tim Bognar, sophomore, about the primary suspects. With only an eight person cast, the audience found it difficult to uncover the murderer until the final minutes of the play.

FINISHING TOUCHES

To define her features, Maribeth Mask, junior, carefully applies eyeliner backstage during dress rehearsal. Cast members applied their own face or requested the help of a crew member before seeking Drama Club sponsor Mr. Gene Fort, history teacher's approval.



FESS UP

While confronting the prospect of a murderer staying in their home Ted Wilford and Tina Yarovsky, seniors, discuss the suspects. Despite hours of practice, low attendance hindered gate receipts as the cast had to change their Friday night performance to a Sunday matinee due to football playoffs.

TAKE MY ADVICE

Filing in as the parental role model, Mr. Foreman, a shopkeeper played by senior John Kouris, lectures David Kolowitz, played by sophomore Tim Bognar. Of the 15 cast members in the production, 6 made their stage debut.

LOOKING ON

Before finishing the last drop of whiskey, junior Brad Wadle, playing Mr. Marlowe, critiques the acting ability of David Kolowitz. To fill in for absent actors, their understudies strained to learn more than one part for the show.



TALKING IT OVER

Contemplating calling the police, senior Jon Florczak and junior Mari Mask, playing Mr. and Mrs. Kolowitz, discuss their son's whereabouts. *Enter Laughing* ran from Feb. 21 to Feb. 23.

BETWEEN THE LINES

Backstage reading his lines, senior Jon Florczak, playing Mr. Kolowitz, waits for his cue. Cast members opted for using practice time to learn their lines before the performance.





Breaking into the business

ACTORS

ENTER LAUGHING

After spending an average of three hours every school night and weekends practicing, fifteen cast members finally presented the Drama Department's winter play of *Enter Laughing*.

The two-act comedy, featuring an ambitious New York teenager and his dream of starting an acting career, premiered Feb. 21 and ran through Feb. 23 in the auditorium.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

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Jeremy Kryt, junior

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Because of vigorous rehearsals, cast members had to alter their time for homework and reschedule activities to make room for the play. "With all the hours I spent at rehearsals, I was not allowed a lot of spare time which would have made my life much easier," John Kouris, senior, said. "However, the time was well spent because I think everyone had a superb performance."

To reduce the pressure of practice, cast members resorted to the latest gossip and mind-boggling games. "When we weren't practicing, a few of us learned how to play games such as 'What's Behind The Green Glass Door' and 'Snaps'," Jeremy Kryt, junior, said.

Veterans to the stage had advantages over the six new cast members who made their acting debut. "I wasn't really nervous until it was time for me to go on the stage and I looked out at the audience," Kristan Hatton, junior, said. "By that time, I was just concentrating on remembering my lines."

To conquer stage fright, actors used techniques such as shooting baskets in the gym or just relaxing before show time. "Before the curtain goes up, I go in a back room, sit quietly by myself, and memorize my last few lines," Greg Kolodziej, senior, said.

Set construction crews worked for approximately three weeks working on five different sets for the play, ranging from a machine shop to an actress's dressing room. "This was a relatively cheap setting compared to some of the musicals and plays in the past," Natalie Bacha, sophomore, said. "The Drama Department paid only about \$100 for new materials and the rest was just recycled from past performances."

As the curtain finally came to a close, cast members went out to celebrate at the Golden Bowl in Lansing after a job well done. Seniors then received goodbyes and the underclassmen received good luck for next year's performances.

MAKE-UP

As the countdown to showtime approached, Amy Hansen, sophomore, applies stage make-up to Steve Colbert, senior. Set construction and make-up volunteers only spent approximately \$100 compared to the \$200 or \$400 spent on past performances.

Reversing tradition

FRIENDS

GET ALL DOLLED UP

Walking under a pink, blue and white balloon rainbow onto a dance floor full of sequined dresses and unique ties, the tables of chivalry reversed for one February night.

With 236 couples attending, Turnabout, the winter semi-formal sponsored by the cheerleaders, took place on Feb. 29 from 8 to 11 p.m. in the cafeteria. "It took about seven hours just to blow up helium balloons and cover the walls," freshman cheerleading captain Kristin Quinn said. "After all the work, it looked pretty good."

Along with the decorations, the theme, "Find A Way To My Heart" by Phil Collins, set the mood for the evening. As couples entered the cafeteria, the threat of breathalizers to discourage drinking went ignored. "I thought breathalizers were a violation of my rights, but they really didn't affect me," Andy Baker, sophomore, said.

From "Smells Like Teen Spirit," by Nirvana or "Wonderful Tonight," by Eric Clapton, Channel Z provided plenty of music as students led their dates onto the dance floor. "They played a lot of slow songs and it was hard to dance to 'Bohemian Rhapsody,'" Kristin Fisher, freshman, said.

With students waiting in line for two hours, Lovasko Studios provided picture packages for \$15 to \$35. "The line was so long that we only danced to five songs and we missed our reservations, so we ended up at Pizza Hut," Chris Bailey, junior, said.

After all the votes came in, Carolyn Tweedle, senior, began her reign as Turnabout princess and shared a spotlight dance to "When A Man Loves A Woman" with her escort. "I was really excited," Carolyn said. "It came as a complete shock."

After relocating their missing shoes and pulling their personalized balloons off the wall, couples headed out for some dinner and relaxation. "My date told our waiter it was my birthday so they made me wear a sombrero and dance on a chair to 'Feliz Cumpleanos,'" Lisa Hernandez, junior, said. "The funny thing was that it wasn't my birthday."

As the night came to a close and the chivalry slowly turned back to normal, couples said good-night whether they found a way to their date's heart or not.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

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STICK UP

In order to transform the look of the cafeteria, Varsity cheerleaders Julian Saffko, Laura Marshall and Dana Kender, seniors, form a balloon heart on the wall. The cheerleaders worked over 12 hours to perfect decorations for the dance.





THREE'S A CROWD

While taking a break, seniors Brian Simpson and Andy Kiszonia and junior Karin Weidenfeller discuss their post-dance plans. Whether dining elegantly or grabbing a burger, students found fun after the dance.

SMILE PRETTY

Stealing a dance from Mark Zucker, '90, Amanda Shuck, junior, shows her smile on the dance floor. Friends got together at the dance even when they didn't go together.



SING ALONG

To keep the beat, Steve Holka, sophomore, and Erin Feh, junior, snap and sing along to the music provided by Channel Z. Couples found Turnabout a special way to spend time together.

HAND IT OVER

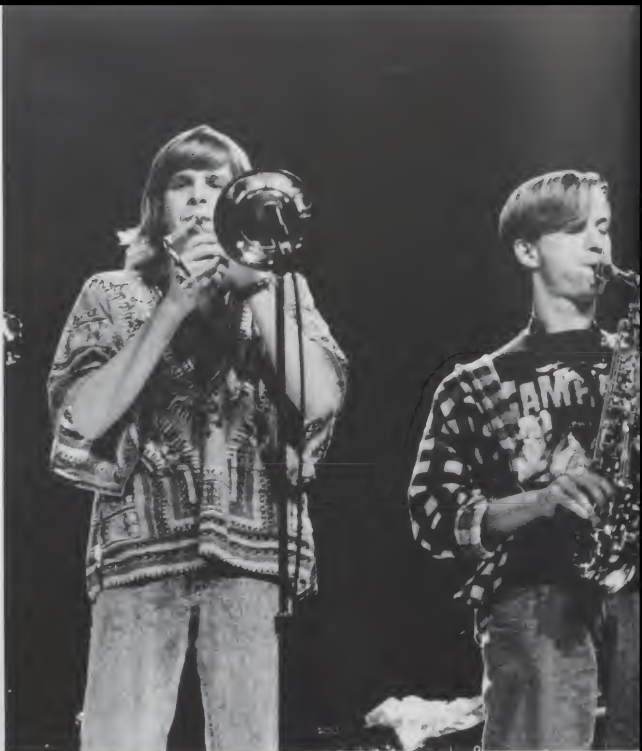
After paying for her boutonniere, Sara Weinberg, senior, receives her change from Katherine Keyes, '86. Bohling's Florist offered boutonnieres and nosegays for prices ranging from \$3.50 to \$25.

THREE'S A CHARM

During "Soulman", Boboli members Steve Colbert, senior, and Tony Carrara and Sal Karottki, juniors, play their instrumentals. Boboli captured third place in the battle.

LOUD AND CLEAR

Sporting her Spastic Children tee-shirt, Becky Moore, junior, sings along. Battle paraphenilia ranged from signs to buttons to tee-shirts as die-hard fans supported their favorite band.



HIGH STRUNG

As he plays "Dazed and Confused", Dolan Heights lead guitarist Kris Zambo, senior, performs his bow string solo. The Battle enabled students to showcase their musical skills to their fellow classmates.

IN RHYTHM

During their opening song, Van Halen's "Jump", Fortress band member Greg Glennon, senior, assists in percussions. Without placing last year, Fortress captured second place in their second consecutive year in battle.



Five bands battle it out

PLAYING

UP A STORM

Amidst the boisterous atmosphere, students filed into the auditorium for the seventh annual Battle of the Bands.

The March 13 Battle featured five bands: Boboli, Flying "E" Chords and Dolan Heights. Fortress and Spastic Children also played their second consecutive year in the Battle.

In order to participate in the Battle, each band submitted a

demo tape. A selection team from Student Government then listened to each demo tape. "It was really objective because we did not know who we were listening to," Student Government member Julie Blackstone, freshman, said. "It wasn't a popularity contest."

With music ranging from Led Zep- pelin to the Bodeans, Dolan Heights won the \$100 first prize while Fortress, playing hard rock, won the \$50 second prize. "I think we won because of the lively stage presence of our lead singer," Nick Quagliara, senior, said. "He really seemed to get the crowd going."

Judges for the Battle consisted of two students from each grade and four adults, which included both faculty members and parents. "I liked Dolan Heights because they played a range of music that everyone liked," Student

Government member Heather Harbison, junior, said. "They seemed to get the best reaction from the crowd."

Many bands felt comfortable on stage because they felt accustomed to playing in front of an audience. "Since we were in the battle last year, I wasn't too nervous," Mike Stennis, junior, said. "We also played at the Senior CEC (Class Executive Council) dance, so that helped me get used to an audience."

Fitting in practices became difficult because of conflicting schedules. "It was hard for us to find time to practice because we were involved with other activities," Ernie Peiser, senior, said. "We did well because of our ability and musical background."

With the front of the auditorium roped off, students had to remain in their seats throughout the Battle. "We didn't want students to form dancing pits," Student Government sponsor Mrs. Renee Kouris, English teacher, said. "The administration was responsible for anyone who might get hurt."

As the winners received their prize, the lights dimmed and the music dwindled to a stop, students poured out of the auditorium with the sound of music ringing in their ears.

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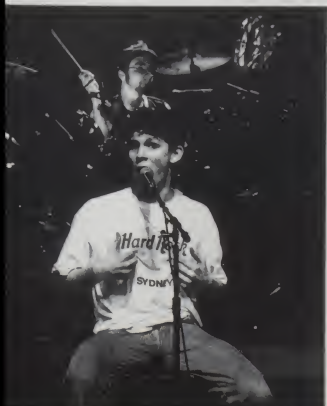
I think we won because of the lively stage presence of our lead singer. He really seemed to get the crowd going.

Nick Quagliara, senior

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MOUTH OFF

While Jon Florczak, senior, keeps the beat, Tim Bognar, sophomore, sings Jimmy Buffett's song "Margaritaville." Dolan Heights practiced three and a half hours a day the week prior to Battle before capturing first place.



UNDER MY SPELL

With a wicked smile, the Witch, Tina Yarovosky, senior, tries to persuade the Baker to do whatever it takes to obtain Little Redriding Hood's cape. The Witch conned the Baker and his wife into collecting items for a potion so she could regain her beauty.

MODEST LOOKS

Playing the part of Cinderella's prince, Salvador Karottki, junior, fantasizes about the days when he and Cinderella would tie the knot. Salvador not only played the part of the prince, but also doubled as the Big Bad Wolf for Little Redriding Hood.



SKY HIGH

Looking up to the "Giants in the Sky" Jack, played by Tim Bognar, sophomore, recalls the details of his magic land in the sky. The actors and actresses performed all of the vocals except for two numbers.



STATE OF AGONY

Disguised as a peddler, sophomore Bethany Moritz, Cinderella, agonizes over her life. With choreographer Ms. Susan Doherty and musical director Mr. Richard Holmberg, the cast meshed together various fairy-tales.

OPPOSING VIEWS

The Baker and his wife, played by Adena Altschul, junior, and Ted Wilford, senior, contemplate risking everything to have a child. Becoming eligible to bear children motivated them to collect items for the Witch.



CURSED

WHILE IN THE WOODS

Witnessing the unfolding of almost every fairy-tale imaginable from Little Red Riding Hood to Jack and the Beanstalk, the spring musical began its journey *"Into the Woods"*.

As the lights dimmed and the 21-member cast took their places, the montage of an unreal world began. To entwine a variety of stories together, the production used three separate backgrounds all at once which reversed into the woods scene.

The story started out with clips of Cinderella, Jack and his mother and the Baker's house. While in the woods their paths all crossed, and the characters ended up uniting for the single cause of fighting world destruction in the form of a giant. Although the musical by Stephen Sondheim appeared to have a childish exterior, the underlying meaning seemed true to all. "The musical represents how all our wishes come together into one big wish and will hopefully come true," Sarah Selig, senior, said.

Dressed in anything from rags to riches, the characters played out the choreographed routines with the accompaniment of the Band, Orchestra and many volunteers. "The music is unique because it has a lot of fluctuations," Orches-

tra member Jeremie Brackett, sophomore, said.

While the performers starred in the final production, a whole other show took place behind the scenes. Whether hanging the lights or building and painting sets, the ten backstage crew members put in as much extra time as the performers. "The technical aspects were a challenge because the show relied heavily on the lighting and the sets being just right," Co-technical Director Shane Gerson, senior, said.

Due to the recent professional release of the musical, ticket prices rose to a flat fee of \$5 for students for the four consecutive performances, which debuted April 30 and ran until May 2. "Not many people have heard or seen this musical because it's new," Costume Coordinator Mr. Gene Fort, social studies teacher, said.

As the evening drew to an end, the performers transformed out of their characters, leaving a little of each of them with the audience.

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Dancing the night away

STRIKING

A POSE

As the sun warmed the morning air May 9, 12 Junior Class Executive Council members awoke ready to decorate the Center for Visual and Performing Arts for the Junior-Senior prom.

Bold black musical notes aligned on silver sheet music covered the walls to accent the theme, "Set the Night to Music." "Although we planned on decorations only taking two hours in the morning, it ended up taking the whole day to get everything perfect," Junior CEC president Mandy Bles said.

Also preparing for the dance, students rushed to tanning beds, hair salons and shopping malls to reach prom perfection. "I went tanning because I wanted to look nice in my picture," Jill Pfister, freshman, said. "I didn't want to look like a ghost."

After adding finishing touches, couples hurried from house to house having to endure persistent parents who wanted to capture the Kodak moment. "We have to leave an hour or more before the dance so we could get all the pictures taken for our parents," Amy Sobolewski, senior, said.

Couples soon escaped parents and entered the dance, weaving through a maze of tables in search of their own. Instead of traditional numbers, tables contained song titles such as "Orange Crush" and "99 Red Balloons". Helium balloons color-coordinated with the title of the song added to the table setting. "I thought a lot of creativity was used as far as thinking of songs and relating it with the table settings," Junior CEC member Pat Mesterharm said.

After dinner, students hit the dance floor with music from the Connells to Salt and Pepa provided by Channel Z. "The DJ was really good and fired me up," Mark Lopez, senior, said.

Couples completed their evening after the dance by dining at a restaurant, relaxing at a friend's or going to Chicago for a night on the town. "We went to the Improv," Erica Lesniak, sophomore, said. "The comedian made fun of my date all night."

As the sun rose, pleasant weather allowed couples to hit the beach, cottages or Great America. "My friends and I went to Great America," Chad Bohling, sophomore, said. "It's fun if you're willing to stand in line for an hour to go on a ride."

As the memorable weekend ended, reality hit when students realized three weeks of school still remained.

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NEXT...

About to enter the dance, Alison Rose, Michelle Mancari, seniors, and their dates redeem their tickets in the lobby of the Center for Visual and Performing Arts. A night of dinner and dancing cost \$50 per couple.





SAY CHEESE

Although most of the picture taking was done before the dance by parents, Juniors Elle Adoba, Kristan Hatton and Amanda Elman couldn't help posing for the camera. Hoping to capture lasting memories of prom, students brought their own cameras in hopes of filling their photo albums.

WRAP IT UP

As couples used Saturday morning for their last minute preparations, Junior CFC member Kellen Rogan starts decorating tables at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts. Completing the theme "Set the Night to Music", each table had a sheet of music with different colored balloons for souvenirs.



PICTURE PERFECT

While the photographer poses them, Jeff Dulany, senior, and his date get ready to have their picture taken. Photo packages from Wahlberg Studios ranged from \$50 for the largest selection and \$5 for a group picture.

SOUP'S ON

About to settle down for dinner, couples socialize with their friends before the salad is served. Dinner included Chicken Piccata as the main course, Italian mixed vegetables, and Chocolate Raspberry cake for dessert.

No Looking Back

SENIORS

PUT A CAP ON PAST MEMORIES

As 237 red and white robed graduates filed into the field house to "Pomp and Circumstance", the Senior Class began to embark on their future. On June 7, the 25th graduating class hugged and screamed as they realized high school had ended.

As graduation day neared, students shared thoughts about the future and what it would bring. Now about to begin a whole new life, the graduates left the security of high school in search of their dreams. "I'm happy to be going to college next year to gain more independence. Yet at the same time, I'll miss the routine and security of high school," Neil Sparber said.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

As the Senior Choir sang "It's So Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday" and "Voices That Care", students recalled the good times they've had over the past four years. "I was up there thinking that this was the last time I'd be up there singing," Carolyn Tweedle said. "I looked out at the whole class sitting there watching us, and it was sort of a tribute to them."

Not only students felt the pain of leaving. Faculty and parents prepared to let the students go. "I tried very hard not to cry. I watched these guys grow up; it was like letting my own go," Senior Class co-sponsor Jen Albright, Main Office secretary, said.

Although faced with the challenges and competition of life, students left with a feeling of assurance. "Looking back, my high school career has sufficiently prepared me for any obstacle I may face in the future," Sanjeev Balajee, Senior Class President, said.

Certain to take advantage of all they got from Munster High School, valedictorian Ethel Tan spoke of the talent in all of us while salutatorian Roy Jain reminisced over the past four years. "I practiced my speech for two weeks before Commencement. I was nervous when I went up there but once I started speaking, I wasn't nervous anymore," Ethel said.

Wrapping up the Commencement ceremony, the band performed "The Royal Brigade Concert March" after the traditional changing of the tassels, when students moved their tassels from right to left to signify the completion of graduation.

After smiling for dozens of pictures, hugging sweaty relatives, and thanking bright-eyed teachers, the Class of '92 paraded out of the familiar field house and into the rest of their lives.

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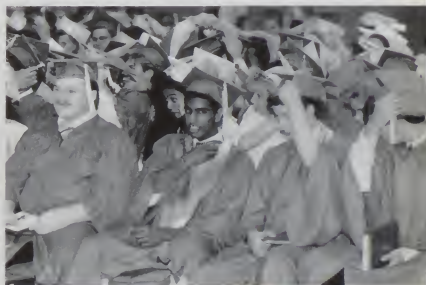


BEST WISHES

Following the invocation by Fr. Michael Maginot, valedictorian Ethel Tan offers motivation for the graduates. Ethel encouraged the graduates to utilize their individual talents and wished them luck in future endeavors.

THREE CHEERS

As the 237 graduates exit the field house, Lisa Chastain proudly wears a big smile to accompany her newly obtained diploma. After Commencement, graduates returned gowns, picked up class pictures and socialized with friends, family and teachers.



HATS OFF

After switching his tassel from right to left, Steven Colbert opts for his favorite hat instead of his cap as he displays his class picture in the Commons. Commencement began at 1 p.m. and ended at 2:15 p.m. with congratulatory hugs, kisses and snapshots in the Commons.

THE NEXT STEP

At principal Dr. Kevin McCaffrey's instructions, the graduates change their tassels after receiving diplomas. After the benediction by Rev. Richard Rogers, the graduates exited the field house and left school for the last time.

Indian summers to white winters

READING

INTO THE YEAR

Summer loves, falling leaves, winter wonderlands, and spring flowers. As the cycle of seasons continuously turned, new activities evolved for students throughout the year.

Lazy summer days passed as students toasted under the hot sun. Trekking to the beach or splashing around in a nearby pool, students took advantage of the warm weather. "The weather in the summer is great," Jeff Taylor, senior, said. "If I wreck my car, it is nicer to walk to the gas station rather than trudge through snow."

However, some students appeared more skeptical on the ways they spent their summer. "At the end of the summer, I always think of how I wasted the past three months doing nothing," Ryan Christy, junior, said. "I could have gotten in so much more trouble."

As summer days withered to an end, the warm air turned brisk as autumn set in. Colorful leaves and back-to-school sales indicated the arrival of fall. "By the end of the summer, I get sick of it being so hot and sunny, and I'm glad it gets cooler," Sara Conley, freshman, said. "I like going back to school and seeing all of my friends."

When the first snowflakes of winter fell, nowballs whizzed through the air and sleds flew down hills as students shivered in the cold. "My friends and I went skiing during the winter," Jenna Finwall, sophomore, said. "But it got so cold, we just ended up sitting in the lodge."

Droplets of glistening dew hung off newly blooming flowers as the snow melted and spring came to life. "Everything is so fresh in the spring," Dawn Bainbridge, sophomore, said. "I also love to plant flowers, and spring is the best time for that."

When snow blanketed sidewalks, leaves fell off trees, and grass grew long, students tackled outdoor tasks. "I hate mowing the lawn," Aaron Lander, senior, said. "My backyard flooded once and I had to push the mower through water."

Whether escaping from the scorching summer sun, raking up a pile of colorful fallen leaves, building a snowman, or smelling freshly bloomed flowers, students tried to get the most they could out of each season.

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PUMP UP

Shaping up for swimsuit season, Amy Czapl, sophomore, uses the indoor weight room. Students looked indoors when the weather got too cold for outdoor activity.





LAI D BACK

While taking advantage of the warm weather, Jamie Ward, junior, finishes up his summer reading. As nice weather lasted through the start of the school year, students found it difficult to get back into the routine of school.

BLADE RUNNER

After a short drizzle, Kate Boyle, sophomore, roller-blades down her street to get some exercise. As spring arrived, students scheduled their outdoor activities around erratic weather.



PILING UP

After volunteering to rake a neighbor's lawn, Nicole Llewellyn, junior, and Jenny Daugherty, freshman, find it hard to resist the temptation of a leaf fight. Students found yard work easier to complete with a friend.

MAKING A SPLASH

As Sara Langen, junior, jokes around, Natalie Anzur, junior, takes an unexpected swim. Students took advantage of summer's last heat wave before cold weather began to set in.

Beginning with New Year's Eve

PICKING

UP THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

Cleaming fireworks, candy hearts with messages on them, a two-week vacation and a calorie-filled turkey dinner. Add to that a calendar full of pre-marked dates and it equals a holiday.

Whether tooting a horn or clinking glasses filled with grape juice, students rang in the New Year with a list of resolutions for improvement. "I like New Year's Eve because it's kind of like a new beginning. It's interesting to be able to look at the upcoming year with a completely clean slate," Ted Wilford, senior, said. "It's sort of a starting point for the year to come."

Couples exchanged love in the form of flowers, cards and sweets as Valentine's Day came around. "I gave my mom a rose because Valentine's Day is a special day just for being with the people you care for," Joe Riccio, sophomore, said.

Easter presented colored eggs and chocolate bunnies with their ears missing for students. "We have an Easter egg hunt every year and we have money in the eggs," Melissa Robbins, sophomore, said. "It becomes a competition to see who can earn the most money."

Students donned red, white and blue to celebrate America on the Fourth of July and gobbled turkey and dressing on Thanksgiving. "When I was nine years old, I was pelted by a firecracker and my shirt started on fire," Maribeth Mask, junior, said. "Stop, drop and roll really came in handy."

Looking for an alternative to trick-or-treating, friends gathered together on Halloween for a little spooking. "We dressed up as fake monsters and scared kids," Jamie Schatz, freshman, said. "When they came up to the door we'd jump at them."

From spinning dreidels to trimming trees, students celebrated Hanukkah and Christmas while recognizing other different holidays and customs. "It cracks me up when people think there's actually a Hanukkah Harry or a Hanukkah bush," Dave Hankin, sophomore, said.

After filling the calendar and putting it away, a newly purchased one takes over, ready for another celebration year.

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Intently watching the Senior Mixed Ensembles practice for their Holiday Choral Concert, Paul Hernandez, senior, waits for his cue to enter as Jolly Old St. Nick. The Choral Department gave their concert on Dec. 19 to add to the holiday festivities.





FRESHLY PICKED

In an attempt to lift the 42-pound Cinderella pumpkin, Mike Mendoza, junior, receives a helping hand from Kim Vargo, junior, as they prepare for their Halloween festivities. Students spent Halloween with their friends whether trick-or-treating or spooking the neighborhood.

FINAL TOUCHES

While waiting for the presents to go under the tree, Amy Foltz, freshman, places the final ornament on the tree. The Christmas season brought holiday customs and carols as well as gifts.



LUNCHTIME ANTICS

To the tune of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," Snowflake the Bunny hands a bunch of balloons to Molly Miller, senior, as a Valentine's Day surprise during B lunch. Out-of-the-ordinary gifts from friends presented embarrassment and a good laugh during the school day.

DEAL ME IN

Clad in Mardi Gras attire, juniors Erin Fech and Amy Gust and seniors Sara Weinberg and Juliann Safko play Mille Bornes, a French card game. By combining two French 4 classes to celebrate Mardi Gras, foreign language teachers Mrs. Alyce Mart-Webb and Mrs. Marlis Tippet provided classes with French culture as well as a break from normal classroom procedure.

Up and away

CELEBRATE

YEARS GONE BY

Smoke from burning candles on a large cake drifted into the air as students hoped birthday wishes would come true.

Students kept memories from childhood birthdays fresh in their minds. "At my fourth birthday party we were playing musical chairs," Sean Gailmard, senior, said. "There was only one chair left so I cracked my cousin in the jaw to get it."

Anxious eyes peered at unopened presents as students hoped to find their birthday treats wrapped neatly in a box. "I like money the best," Ryan Boilek, freshman, said. "That way, I can get whatever I want."

Parents also received some memorable presents when they celebrated the birth of a child on a special holiday. "My dad said that I was the best Father's Day present he ever got," Mary Petrovich, sophomore, said.

In order to have a special celebration, parents took the opportunity to plan surprise birthday parties for their children. By including close friends and family members on the guest list, parents helped turn their children's birthdays into unforgettable occasions. "On my birthday, I walked downstairs and saw 40 people standing in my basement," Julie Kirsch, junior, said. "I finally realized that I was late for my own surprise party."

When parents failed the obligation of properly celebrating the occasion, friends stepped in with their own birthday plans. From decorating lockers to throwing elaborate birthday bashes, friends helped share in the fun of birthdays. "Two of my friends came into my classroom and brought me a huge bouquet of balloons," Mary Kunkel, junior, said. "I was so surprised my friends would do something so sweet."

Whether a small get-together with close friends or a large celebration, students, their friends and families would recognize their birthdays as special occasions.

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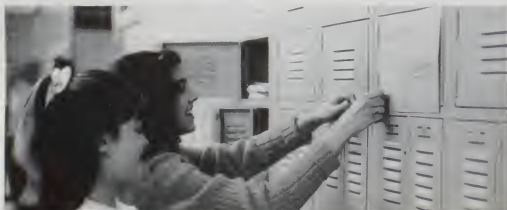
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SIGN UP

Before first hour, sophomores Mary Petrovich and Dawn Bainbridge decorate sophomore Brigitte Campbell's locker for her birthday. Decorating lockers or having parties in class, students found the time to make their friends' birthdays special, both in and out of school.





MAKE A WISH

Hoping to surprise a friend, Bethany Moritz, sophomore, and Tiffany Silgalis, junior, decorate cupcakes before leaving for junior Julie Kirsch's surprise party. Students did everything from baking treats to purchasing presents to make their friends' birthdays more memorable.



LOFTY DAYS

Along with a bunch of birthday balloons, Becky Walsh, senior, looks at the cards which came with her Valentine's Day carnations. Students enjoyed extra presents when their birthdays and special holidays coincided.

PLAYING THE CARDS

In search of the perfect card, Tim Szurgot, freshman, looks over the birthday card section at Maria's Hallmark. When low on cash, students purchased cards rather than gifts to express their birthday wishes.

Spending more than earned

CASHING

IN SOME CHANGE

With a swift crunch, the pink piggy bank shattered into thousands of tiny pieces, leaving only small change and a wooden nickel for the student to claim. With students earning a minimum of \$4.25 per hour, unique ways to spend, earn and scam money became apparent.

Mooching money from parents and friends, students used their cash on car repairs, fast food and new clothes. "I scam money from my parents all the time because I don't have a job and they feel sorry for me," Barb Brennan, sophomore, said.

Birthdays, holidays and report cards presented an opportune time for students to receive some extra cash as a gift or a reward. Trying to improve grades, parents offered money as an incentive to reach students' academic potential. "My dad thinks money is a good motivational tool and he pays me for every good grade on my report card, so I usually end up trying much harder," Chester Coffin, junior, said.

Headed to the mall with a wallet packed with green bills, plastic cards and cashable checks, students got down to business as they disposed of their income. From the latest fashion trends to high-technology sound systems, investing in new purchases consumed the allowances and paychecks of many students. "I go on huge shopping sprees and spend up to \$300 on new clothes," Rachel Schimming, freshman, said.

High-stake card games, the lottery and race tracks increased, or sometimes decreased, the cash flow of "legal" students. Succumbing to the appeal of gambling, students tried many "get rich quick schemes". "I had just turned 18 and I decided to buy a scratch-off ticket. I just rubbed it off and I won \$21," Randy Fehring, senior, said. "Winning was the highlight of my day."

As the long, tireless hours paid off, employees used their hard-earned paychecks for an extra thrill after the regular work day ended. "I use all of the money I make at Lansing Airport to take the planes out and fly," Rob Diezi, junior, said. "It all ends up going to the same place and cancels out."

After working hard, saving up paychecks, pinching pennies and using coupons, the student proudly displayed his first purchase - a new piggy bank.

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THE SCOOP

After scooping out the flavor of the month at Baskin Robbins, Kristi Amdahl, sophomore, hands a sugar cone to a customer. Jobs enabled students to earn a little extra cash and provide gas for their cars and clothes to wear.





DRAWN OUT

While punching in her code for her bank card, Miranda Zambo, junior, grabs some extra cash for the week-end. Parents often lent students their credit cards and bank cards to purchase expensive items and avoid carrying cash around.

PAY UP

After waiting in line for 15 minutes, Sean Costino, sophomore, picks up his Prime Time pizza in the cafeteria. Students spent up to \$15 a week on school lunches, which slowly burned a hole in their wallets.



GETTING DRESSED

In an attempt to satisfy her customer, Tami Ciesielski, senior, adjusts her prom dress at The Bridal Studio in Porte de Leau. With minimum wage at \$4.25, students had to work over 12 hours in order to pay for a Prom ticket.

PICK AND CHOOSE

While flipping through some used compact discs at Highland Discount Records, John Sarnecki, junior, and Andy Girnus, senior, try to find a sale. Students bought used discs in good condition in order to save their funds.

Better shop around

COUPLES

MEET THEIR MATCH

Whether eating dinner at a fancy restaurant or cheering on the team at the Friday night football game, students used dating to acquaint themselves with that special someone.

Although age differences influenced dating strategies, most students still found themselves hit by the same first date jitters. "While I'm waiting for my date, I always worry whether I'm wearing the right thing and if my hair looks OK," Allison Stalmack, freshman, said.

Double dating gave students another way to dodge the pressure of one-on-one dating. Couples agreed that going places with groups of friends provided a more comfortably relaxed environment with less confrontation and stress. "Going out on the weekends with other couples is always fun because if you and your date get into a fight, you always have your friends to talk to," Kristan Hatton, junior, said.

Many first dates led to long-term relationships. Some students found that while looking for companionship, they also discovered lasting friendships.

"When you go out with someone for a long time, you really get to know that person a lot better," Brad Caddick, sophomore, said. "That person can also help you through your bad times as well as share your good times."

When students reached that magical "dating age", parents' curiosity soared when whereabouts of their child remained a mystery and weekend dating replaced home movies. "When I go out, my parents always want to know where I am, who I'm with, and when I'll be home," Dallas Metz, senior, said.

Whether a weekend fling or a year-long relationship, dating served as a way to meet new people and to occupy their time.

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SHOWTIME

Paying \$12 for a night on the town, freshmen Nora Lasbury and Jason Doherty pick up tickets for "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle". Movies and dinner provided couples with alternatives to dull weekends.





SHOPPIN' AROUND

While spending a Saturday afternoon at River Oaks, John Kouris, senior, and Kristan Hatton, junior, shop for Christmas presents for relatives. Couples found running errands more tolerable when accompanied by each other.

TAKING A BREAK

As The Little Mermaid continuously plays on the television, Julie Kmiec, senior, and Brett Meingasner, '91, take a break from a few dances on Homecoming. Couples not attending the same school found that school dances gave them time together as well as a chance to visit old friends.



ONE ON ONE

In an attempt to show offensive and defensive plays, Bill McCullough, se-

nior, teaches Kim Vargo, junior, the rules of the game. After school activities allowed couples the opportunity to share similar hobbies and interests.



GO FISH!

Instead of finishing homework, sophomores Mary Petrovich and Harry Kunelis play a quick card game. Some students found staying friends proved better than "couple" relationships.

From celery sticks to greasy fries

FILLING

STIRRING STOMACHES

Eying the scrumptious pastries, char-broiled ribs and freshly tossed salad, the famished student snatched a plate.

Whether slurping a cup of coffee at the break of dawn or snacking on chocolate at midnight, active students found little time to sit down to a seven course meal. "I like to take a candy cane with me in the morning in case I forget to brush my teeth," Dave Fekete, senior, said. "It gives me that fresh feeling."

Separating corn from mashed potatoes and using a plastic divider plate to ensure that the gravy doesn't mix with the apple sauce, finicky students parted taste from appearance. "I don't eat

potato skins because they've been underground with worms crawling all over them, but I'll eat peanut shells because I'm too lazy to break the shells off and throw them out," Danny Byrne, freshman, said.

Vegetarians passed up Arby's and McDonald's in order to pick out fruits and vegetables. "I tried eating turkey and it tasted funny to me, so I had to spit it out," Amy Damjanovich, sophomore, said.

Devouring tasty delicacies didn't present problems, but what, when and how to consume the meals cooked up the gluttony for punishment. "I don't eat breakfast, it's just a waste of time because I'm always hungry just two minutes

after I finish eating," Mr. Paul LaReau, Spanish teacher, said.

Staring over the slight bulge near the waist while reading the scale, weight-conscious students sucked it in for various reasons. "I go on diets because I need to lose a few pounds here and there or fit into a dress," Elizabeth VanDeraa, sophomore, said.

Gyros topped with candy canes, radish sandwiches, and french fries with apple sauce made even agreeable stomachs rumble with delight. "I've taken a spoonful of ice cream and topped it with peanut butter and I liked it, but I don't make a habit out of eating it," Sarah Selig, senior, said.

After chewing every morsel of the McJordan special and washing down "sliders" by the dozen, students quickly turned into fast food junkies when home cooking didn't cut it anymore. "I love fast food, that's all we eat," Kim Vargo, junior, said. "I eat Mickey D's three to four times a week."

Patting a full stomach and releasing a quiet burp, the content student placed his dirty plate in the sink amidst all the others waiting for their next meal.

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FRY GUY

Adding some ketchup to his fries, Sean Gailmard, senior, catches a quick bite during play practice.

Sometimes stuck at school after hours, students resorted to McDonalds, Burger King, and Subway to quiet their growling stomachs.



SATISFY CURIOSITY

While listening to the latest gossip, Margaret Ewing, senior, tries out the new deli bar submarine sandwich during lunch. Fulfilling campaign promises, Student Government added the new deli bar to the cafeteria on Oct. 30 for more food variety.

TIPPING THE SCALE

Anxiously anticipating some added muscle, Dan Byrne, freshman, looks down to see that he has gained four pounds from eating fast food every night. Athletes often gained or lost weight in order to improve their performances.



POUR IT IN

To ensure that the rice doesn't burn, Eddie Ortiz and Jack Conley, sophomores, take turns stirring while they help out in the kitchen. Students found that preparing their own food allowed for creativity, although it invited mistakes.

FINGER LICKIN' GOOD

After a tiresome tennis practice, sophomores Ray Doerner and Ron Davidson share a meal with Mr. Michael Doerner at the annual Chicken Barbeque Dinner in the cafeteria. Family members found time between practices and other activities to be one of over 1,300 people served at the feast.



PIZZA PIZZA

To earn some extra spending money, Sarah Derrico, junior, makes pizza with her dad, Phil, at Rico's Pizza in Lansing. Students took part-time jobs at family businesses to give their parents a helping hand.



QUICK DRAW

Puzzled after her dad's last move, Melissa Walsh, freshman, rethinks her strategy during a quick game of Win, Lose, or Draw before dinner. Students took time out from doing homework to spend time with their parents.

BRIGHT IDEAS

In order to get the job done, John and Bob Bogucki, juniors, work together to put up their holiday decorations. Without the chance to see a lot of each other during school, siblings valued the time they spent together at home.





Through thick and thin

SPREAD

THE FUN

Cameramen enter a student's kitchen in order to tape examples of family bonding at its finest for the next episode of "The Brady Bunch." Though that situation sounds highly unlikely, students still recognized the importance of spending quality time with their families.

Whether eating together at the dinner table or going on family trips, students uncovered positive aspects in family activities. "I really enjoy the time that I spend with my family," Laura Triana, sophomore, said. "Time with my family is very important to me."

JUST WHAT YOU'D EXPECT

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My mom and I watch old black and white movies together, usually at two in the morning after I get home.

Tom Anzur, freshman

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Vacation getaways with relatives also provided a chance for families to spend time together. Packing the car for a long drive across the country or leaving by plane allowed families time off from their busy schedules. "We try to fit in one vacation to Florida during every school year, but I have two younger sisters and it's hard, because of conflicting schedules, for us to all go together," Nicole Llewellyn, junior, said.

Taking a turn from the norm, students discovered that having brothers and sisters doesn't always end up in arguments and sibling rivalry. "My brother and I usually get along really well, but maybe the fact that we're twins might

have something to do with it," John Bogucki, junior, said.

Time often slipped away as students found themselves split between their parents. "Because my parents are divorced, my family isn't together a lot, especially on holidays," Jamie Cont, senior, said. "I usually have to spend time with my dad and then go see my mom separately."

Either shopping with mom or watching football games with dad, students encountered exciting ways to spend time with their parents. "My mom and I watch old black and white movies together usually at two in the morning after I get home," Tom Anzur, freshman, said.

Perhaps the story doesn't include a man named Brady and three sisters with hair of gold like their mother, but rarely does a student's home life work like a TV sitcom. Families struggled to overcome major obstacles so they—teenagers included—could live happily ever after.

OPEN WIDE

Usually a rarity in their home because of conflicting schedules, Chris Maurer, junior; Greg Maurer, freshman and their family settle down for a family meal. Although parents used dinners to bring their families together, the table sometimes created a setting for misunderstandings to occur.

HANDS OFF

Before leaving for the movies, Juliann Saiko, senior, asks her father to lend her some extra money. When out of cash, students looked for some extra spending money from their parents.



RIGHT OF WAY

While concentrating on the road, Laura Budzik, sophomore, listens as her father gives her tips on passing her driving test. Students anxiously anticipated receiving their license in hopes of escaping their homes more frequently.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Demanding assistance in cooking dinner, Michelle Torreano, freshman, interrupts her brother, Adam, senior, from his Government homework. Siblings reconciled so that they may combine forces to tackle difficult household chores.



TASTING

FAMILY LIFE

Bright plans darkened as parents forced students to delay and cancel plans with friends to spend time with their families.

Parents often took the opportunity of punishing their children to enforce respectable behavior. Grounding prevented students from leaving their homes and getting away from their families. "I got grounded for three months for breaking into the school office," Tim Szurgot, freshman, said. "I wasn't allowed to go out so school became my only source of socialization."

With nothing to do, grounded students roamed the house

aimlessly in search for something to occupy their time. "When I'm grounded, I take the opportunity to catch up on sleep or watch TV," Kristin Johnson, sophomore, said. "My mom gets sick of me lying around and lets me go out."

Students found escaping their homes increasingly difficult as students screeched to a halt and parents ordered them to finish their household duties before they walked out the door. "I hate doing chores," Amy Gust, junior, said. "I can't do anything I want to do until my room is clean."

Punishments and household obligations often triggered arguments which at times left students questioning their parents' sanity.

"My dad actually yelled at me because I wanted to eat a can of Spaghetti-O's," Ryan McCormick, junior, said. "He thought we were going to get snowed in and had to save our canned foods. I thought he'd lost his mind."

Not only did arguments occur with parents, but also among brothers and sisters. Sibling rivalry and babysitting younger brothers and sisters contributed to family conflicts. "My brother is only three years old and can already construct schemes to get me in trouble," Brandy Cowgill, freshman, said.

Family dinners, usually designed to bring families closer, often evolved into a battleground. Students shuddered as uncomfortable subjects came up at the table. "I hate eating dinner with my family," Molly Miller, senior, said. "They sit there and ask ten million questions and it gets on my nerves."

After enduring nightmares of punishment, chores or any other ordeal that spending time with the family may produce, students rushed to the phone to make plans with their friends and finally escape their homes.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

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Brandy Cowgill, freshman

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SPREAD IT

In an attempt to please his mother, Ian Baggett, junior, straightens up his room. Students tried to get on their parents' good side by finishing household chores before they went out.



RUN AWAY

After a stressful at school, Heather Newton, senior, takes a quick jog around her neighborhood. Exercise was a key component in relieving the stress and pressure students felt from school.



LISTEN TO THE MUSIC

In order to get a little peace and quiet, Mike Mohr, junior, listens to Rush in his room. Students' rooms provided a pleasant change of scenery when family situations got too nerve wracking.



NO HOLDS BARRED

In the attempt of relieving stress Tim Bognar, sophomore, and Randy Fehring, senior, wrestle after the IU loss to Duke in the Final Four. When favorite teams weren't victorious, students found unique ways to cope with the stresses of failure.

ABOUT FACE

In order to help forget about her stressful day at school, Amanda Elman, junior, applies a face mask before going to bed. Students found that beauty remedies helped relieve their hectic lifestyles during the week.



Stress piles on

ANXIOUS

STUDENTS PERSEVERE

Whether school or relationships wore on their nerves, students could find no way of avoiding that six letter word - Stress.

With four tests in one day, extra hours put in after school and the SAT's, students discovered that school-related activities

caused them stress. "I got stressed when my parents told me I had to keep my grades up and think about college," Mandy Blees, junior, said.

In an attempt to get away from the commotion of family life, teens sought different escape mechanisms. "Usually I went into my room and turned my music up really loud," ManDee Adams, freshman, said. "I would sit there until my parents banged on the door and told me to turn it down."

In addition to listening to music, students used reading, exercising, and eating as key stress relievers. "I think that running or aerobics really did the trick for me when things weren't going well," Heather Newton, senior, said.

Athletes participating in the competitive edge learned that when the tension mounted, they needed to break free and avoid stressful situations. "I

got stressed out about sports, because of the competition for Varsity playing time in baseball," Steve Holka, sophomore, said.

Ailments often came hand in hand with stress. Searching for sure-fire methods of relief, students tried to cope with the pressure. "When I get stressed I usually get heartburn," Bob Raduenzel, senior, said. "That's when I eat a few Roloids."

Whether turning to antacids or taking a two mile walk, stress-filled teens practiced methods that worked best for them to relieve that unavoidable six letter word - Stress.

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SIGNING IN

Finally getting to the front of the line, Kristan Hatton, junior, shows Miss Annette Wisniewski, guidance counselor, her identification in order to get her room assignment for the SAT's.



RANDOM THOUGHTS

NEWS & TRENDS

Russia

Pipe Bombings

AIDS

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Environment

From the death of communism to the resurgence of wire-rimmed glasses, headline news and prevailing trends helped shape 1992.

This minimag will preserve the best and worst happenings long after you recycle all your newspapers.

Presidential candidates vie for teen vote

Putting their government studies into action, 18-year olds exercised their constitutional rights by registering to vote for the May 3 Primary and the November presidential elections.

Lost in the barrage of charges, countercharges and mud slinging, along with the economy, education, crime and health care issues, Democrats Jerry Brown, Paul Tsongas and Bill Clinton fought through the spring primary season, hoping to win their party's nomination. Incumbent President George Bush held Republican challenger Patrick Buchanan at bay, while H. Ross Perot threatened to get involved as an independent.

After electing student officers, choosing a U.S. President seemed challenging. "In real life, we don't have ballots delivered to our house like they are delivered to our classroom, and the people we elect control almost every aspect of our futures," Kerrie Mattson, senior, said.

RUSSIA

Soviet Union crumbles as communism dies

In the blink of an eye, the 74-year old Soviet Union was swept away. On Aug. 18, 1991, the country was a troubled colossus, beset with economic and ethnic problems, but still a superpower. By Dec. 25, the Soviet Union did not even exist.

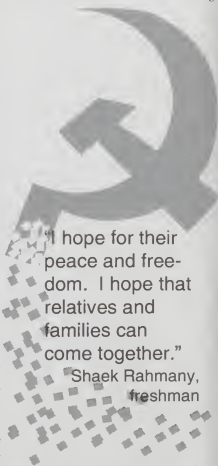
History changed its course when kidnapped and imprisoned Mikhail Gorbachev returned to Moscow after a failed Aug. 19 coup crumbled. As the dust settled, Boris Yeltsin emerged as the central power and within months communism ceased to exist.

The Cold War fell to the wayside when President George Bush and Gorbachev signed nuclear weapons treaties, ending the intense United States-Soviet Union rivalry that existed since World War II. The disarming of the 45-year war brought a halt to communism and a break-up involving eight countries and fifteen republics. "I expect the separate states of the Soviet Union to move on in their own direction under the leadership of Boris Yeltsin," Steven Sims, senior, said. "I feel the states will be able to function in a fairly normal and peaceful manner."

The United States had three goals for the Soviets: the collapse of communism, the triumph of democracy and the spread of capitalism. To promote these concepts, the separate states tried to elect representatives who spoke for the people and with the people.

Students also had certain goals in mind for the new Soviet Union. "I hope for their peace and freedom," Shaek Rahmany, freshman, said. "I hope that relatives and families can come together."

Besides supporting the separate Soviet states, the United States also influenced the breakup by setting an example of a free nation. "The rest of the world is following our example and becoming democratized," Beth Farkas, junior, said.



Rocking the nation

Courtroom drama

Celebrity scandals, ethical disputes and shocking crimes filled the headlines as packed courtrooms settled controversial cases.

● **Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas** survived a sexual harassment charge by University of Oklahoma law professor Anita Hill. The Senate hearing found Thomas not guilty and brought him to the Supreme Court appointment.

● **Rape trials** garnered national attention as William Kennedy Smith was acquitted of all charges in the Florida case. Boxer Mike Tyson, however, faced six years in prison after being found guilty of raping a Miss Black America contestant in Indianapolis.

● **Jeffrey Dahmer's mass murders** in Milwaukee landed him in a lifetime state prison as Dahmer admitted to killing 17 males over a 13-year period. Police found 11 dis-

Teens tune in year's highlights

sected corpses, 4 heads in the refrigerator and 7 acid-washed skulls in Dahmer's apartment.

● After the **shotgun spree** that took Northwest Indiana by storm last year, prime suspect **Christopher Peterson**, acquitted in two Lake County cases, was declared guilty on four murder charges. His alleged accomplice, Ronald Harris, guilty of two Porter County killings, faced up to 68 years in prison.

Local bombers

Pipe bomb explosions joined holiday celebrations as five bombings hit the Hammond-Highland area just before Christmas.

As the pipe bomber circulated the Region, the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) sought clues. While some believed that teenagers might be responsible for the bombings due to the winter vacation timing, four suspects—all in their twenties—were charged with crimes following a

three-month investigation.

With the bomber on the loose, students took extra precautions to and from school. "I didn't think that the pipe bomber would hit Munster, but I wanted to play it safe and look out for anything weird," Kristin Fisher, freshman, said.

Tragic Magic

As the **AIDS** epidemic entered its eleventh year, more than 200,000 Americans contracted the disease. Two victims put the disease back in to the headlines.

Media from around the world gathered Nov. 7 at the Forum to hear Laker basketball legend Earvin "Magic" Johnson's shocking news that he tested positive for the HIV virus and would immediately retire from professional basketball.

Tennis great Arthur Ashe furthered the impact with an April announcement that he had tested positive to the disease in 1988, following open heart surgery.

The impact was felt locally. "In a way it's a blessing," Apu Patel, senior, said. "With Magic contracting the HIV virus, the message against AIDS will be spread much more quickly and effectively."

Golden moments

The final passing of the torch had been completed, and the flame, now lit, glowed across the village. The 1992 Olympic Games had begun.

While Bonnie Blair and Kristi Yamaguchi wowed the crowds with their Gold Medal performances in Albertville, France, summer Olympians readied for the Barcelona, Spain games.

For the first time in history, the Olympics allowed professional athletes to compete. The USA basketball team took advantage of this by bringing NBA stars such as Karl Malone and Michael Jordan overseas.

Some preferred one Olympic season to the other. "I like the Summer Olympics better," Chris Tomeo, sophomore, said. "I don't like guys who dance on ice and wear tight pants."

Cash crunch leaves teens stranded

Recession. Just the word makes eyes widen, blood pressure rise, and nightmares of losing family, home, or job form.

The recession hurt the economy and left many people jobless. "I got laid off because business was very slow," Jen Szymczak, junior, said.

Vice President Dan Quayle urged the public "to be more upbeat." "The recession was overexaggerated," Keith Kozubal, senior, said. "The people should've gone out and

bought American products and shouldn't have been afraid of losing their jobs."

While some missed the recession, they realized that others suffered through the money drought. "It hadn't hurt my family, but it affected my friends," Karen Edgington, sophomore, said. "Most didn't get much for Christmas and some were always broke."

With spring's warmer temperatures and higher economic indicators, the Region looked to get back on track.



● **Pump it up**

Opting for the least expensive gas, Jason Greenbaum, sophomore, tries to scrimp his money. With the recession hitting hard, students were forced to count their pennies.

Touched by the times, students turn to personal tastes.

ACTIVISTS

Crusading students tackle environmental troubles

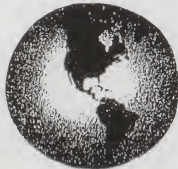
Everybody's talkin' 'bout Amazons, trees gone, cancer cells from the sun...'
These lyrics from the 1990 remake of John Lennon's song, "Give Peace a Chance", represent the latest social-issue-gone-fad to hit the area. Students became more environmentally conscious and displayed their efforts to save the earth in many ways, from everyday recycling to banning corporations that promote the "throw-away" society.

Concern for the environment quickly spread, both to people that already took precautions in the treatment of the earth, and those who only publicized, not practiced it. "A lot of people are posers," Jon Florczak, senior, said. "But as long as the trend sticks, it's good."

Earth beautification became a prime issue with the realization that, if taken for granted, it could disappear. "People need to be more concerned about the environment so it will be around to enjoy later in life," Holli McCormick, freshman, said.

Joining environmental activist groups such as Greenpeace and the World Wildlife Fund gained popularity among students. Bumper stickers reading "Save the Whales" replaced last year's more materialistic "Oakley" decals. "When time allows, I'd like to join groups that try to help the environment," Lisa O'Shea, junior, said. "By joining a group, I'll feel like I'm actually doing my part."

'Everybody's talkin' 'bout planet earth...' and with hope, the new environmental trend doesn't get thrown into the closet with the Michael Jackson posters, jelly bracelets, velcro sneakers, Pacman games, and all of the other forgotten fads of the past.



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**Holli McCormick,
freshman**

Movie mania

Settled into a soft chair, students chomped popcorn as their favorite flicks appeared on the silver screen.

• Flick picks -BEST MOVIE

1. Terminator 2
2. Silence of the Lambs
3. Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves
4. Backdraft
5. Beauty and the Beast
6. Home Alone
7. Last Boy Scout
8. Dances with Wolves
9. Star Trek
10. JFK

• Leading man -BEST ACTOR

1. Kevin Costner
2. Arnold Schwarzenegger
3. Christian Slater
4. Tom Cruise
5. Val Kilmer
6. Anthony Hopkins
7. Bruce Willis

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8. Robin Williams
9. Damon Wayans
10. Joe Pesci
- Richard Greico
- Macaulay Culkin

• Role reversal -BEST ACTRESS

1. Julia Roberts
2. Jodie Foster
3. Linda Hamilton
4. Demi Moore
5. Cindy Crawford
6. Meg Ryan
7. Kathy Bates

Trendy teenagers dress to impress

Madness swept across students as they raced for the nearest shopping center to grab the latest fashion trends.

Students hunted for a selection of jeans, rugby shirts, sweaters and skirts. "I really like The Gap because of its wide variety," Jeremy Kryt, junior, said. "It's also inexpensive."

Earrings, necklaces, hair clips, and argyle socks accessorized wardrobes. "I really like the clothes at Express," Vicky LeVan, freshman, said. "You can always find a perfect accessory to match."

After finding the perfect outfit, students searched for appropriate footwear to add finishing touches. Leather hiking boots

served practical purposes rather than just looking stylish. "I often go hiking after school," John Dunn, sophomore, said. "They provide support if I step on a large branch."

Practicality often gave way to comfort as students made purchases. "I like Birkenstocks because they're comfortable and feel like slippers," Debbie Brom, senior, said.

Whether in search of appearance or comfort, students roamed the malls in hopes of finding the perfect outfit.

• Sign of the times

Checking out the newly arrived spring fashions, Shawna Fox, sophomore, looks at the selections at Marshall Field's. Students found that department stores offered a wide variety of clothing and accessories.

Taking top honors

147 Students choose the best of the best

Noteworthy news

While scanning the radio waves for their favorite songs, teens tune in music tastes.

Hit parade -BEST SONG

1. Everything I Do (I Do It For You) - Bryan Adams
2. Enter Sandman - Metallica
3. Losing My Religion - REM
4. Smells Like Teen Spirit - Nirvana
5. Good Things - Bodeans Unbelievable - EMF
- 2 Legit 2 Quit - Hammer
8. Shiny Happy People - REM
- Jet City Women
- Something to Talk About - Bonnie Raitt

Stereo surround sound

-BEST ALBUM

1. Metallica
2. REM
3. Achtung Baby - U2



4. Use Your Illusion I & II - Guns 'N' Roses
5. Into the Great Wide Open - Tom Petty
7. The Black Crowes
8. Nevermind - Nirvana
- EMF
- Trump de la Monde
- Color Me Badd

Appearing live

-BEST CONCERT

1. Metallica
2. Connells
- The Grateful Dead
4. BoDeans
5. Paul Simon
- INXS
- Guns 'N' Roses
- AC/DC

Food frenzy

Taking a break from home-cooked meals, students sought quickness with quality.

Taste of the town

-BEST RESTAURANT

1. Olive Garden
2. Ed Debevic's Chili's
4. Gino's East
- Miami Subs
- Bennigan's
- Jedi's Garden
8. Munster Gyros
- El Taco Real

Quick picks

-BEST FAST FOOD

1. McDonald's
2. Burger King
3. Miami Subs
4. Subway
5. Munster Gyros
- Taco Bell

7. Hardee's

8. Arby's

Prime time

From crying over Beverly Hills 90210 dilemmas or laughing at Married with Children antics, teens turn to TV.

Tune in next time

-BEST TV SHOW

1. Beverly Hills, 90210
2. Cheers
3. Coach
4. Home Improvement
5. The Simpsons
6. In Living Color
7. Saturday Night Live
- Quantum Leap
- Married With Children



Teens go graphic as video craze continues

"Go to bed."
"Just one more minute Mom, I'm almost to Stage 9."

This typical conversation could be heard in junkies' homes as Nintendo or Sega addicts took on the new video craze. "I usually play Nintendo after school until the time we go out," Kevin Kolb, junior, said.

Some players regulate how many hours they play video games, while others overindulge themselves. "I play about 12 hours a week, which takes a serious toll on my grades," Jeff Alters, freshman, said.

While Sega and Nintendo waged their own retail war,

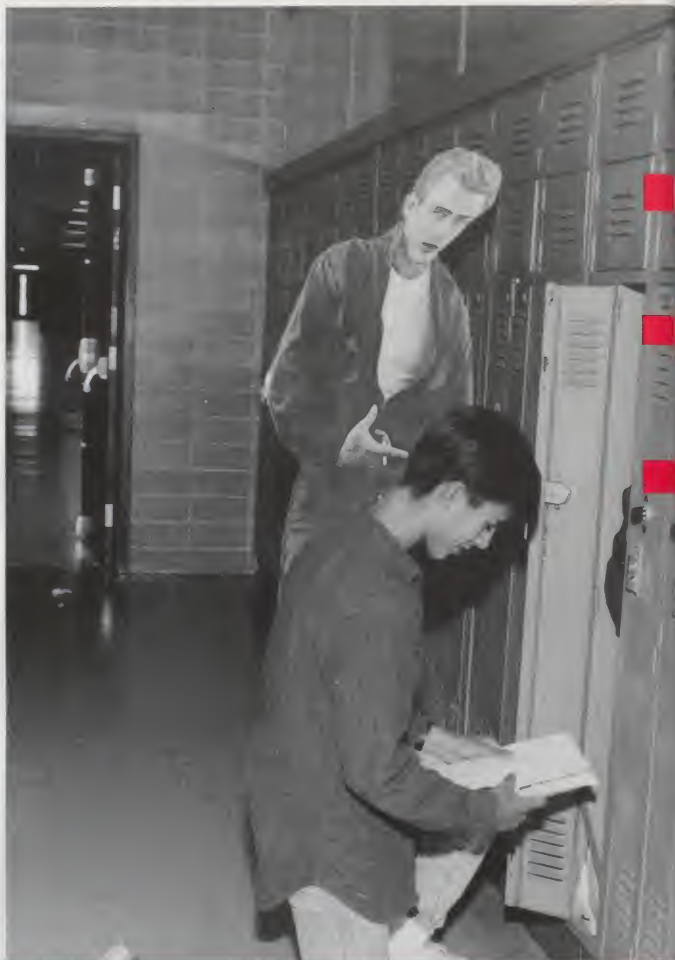
players determined which company to invest in. "I prefer Sega, for it has better games and graphics," Brian Morgan, senior, said. "Plus it has more buttons on the controller."

Games hooked fanatics for different reasons, from the graphics, the real players in sports games, or the cliff-hanging action in adventure games. "I like Super Mario Brothers," Carolyn Lukas, sophomore, said. "He is so cute the way he steps and kicks the turtles."

With another victory under his belt, the game buff can now go to sleep in peace, but only until tomorrow, when he has more challenges to face.



With the company of Mr. Greg Kenworthy's James Dean locker pass, Omar Porras, sophomore, fumbles through his folders searching for his English vocabulary list. Students and faculty explored new ways of breaking the routine school day dreariness as they became rebels with causes.



Freedays • Procrastination • Studying • Homework • Learning • Tests • Extra credit • Classes

YOU

CAN'T BE

SERIOUS

As the nasal teacher monotonously droned on and on, the students, seated in perfectly straight rows of desks, fastidiously scribbled down pages of lecture notes. This is what school was all about, right? *Give me a break.* There's a lot more to it than that.

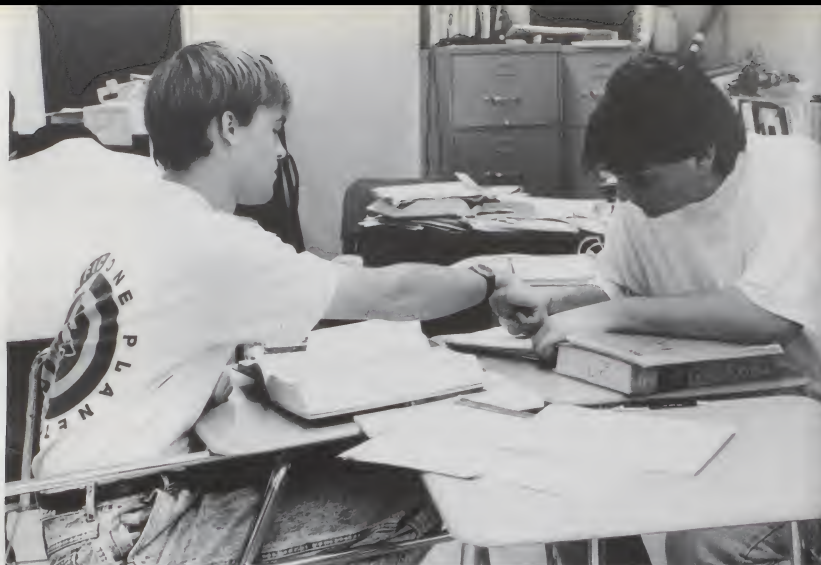
New programs, including required *summer reading* and the Computer Aided Design (CAD) Industrial Technology courses, modernized learning, while *bizarre assignments* caused gaping mouths and looks of disbelief.

Hoping for a better learning atmosphere, five *Design Teams* proposed a homeroom and flexible scheduling for next year, while the school, as an Indiana 2000 school, received a \$25,000 grant to implement school improvement changes.

Contrary to popular belief, school could actually be fun if you took advantage of the opportunities. Sure, it helped to stay awake in class and keep up with homework, no matter what excuses you tried to come up with. But from tasting beef extract for microbiology *extra credit* to toting flour babies for Child Development, when it came to school, sometimes *you can't be serious.*

Assignments • Learning • Group work • Fun

Projects • Grades



DON'T PUT OFF

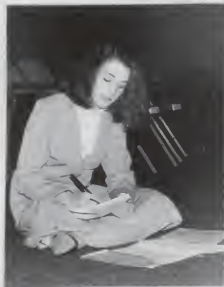
'TILL TOMORROW

As the teacher said, "Pass your homework to the front of the room," the classroom flew into a panic.

Whether having a late practice or working overtime, students often found reasons to put off homework. "After practice you're so drained, you just don't feel like doing anything, especially homework," Eric Olton, junior, said.

Even when notified days ahead, students still delayed studies. "I try to study for a test a few days before D-day, but when I start to, I always remember I have tomorrow, and shut my book," Shoshana Gordon, sophomore, said.

Turning in their procrastinated papers, the class sighs in relief until the next assignment.



TAKE FIVE

While her character is offstage during the fall play *The Mousetrap*, Jessica Schoen, freshman, works on an assignment. Students sometimes completed homework during practices and on the job when time grew scarce.

NO TIME TO REST

Working through lunch, Jon Florczak, senior, and Jon Finerty, junior, rush to finish assignments due in the second half of the day. Even if it meant skipping lunch, students set their minds to completing assignments due that day or to getting a head start on future ones.



When will we
have time
for this ?

Deadline crunch

As the final bell rings,
students file out of
class complaining.

One teen carries his
chemistry book, Algebra 2 book, history
book, sociology
project, and notes for
tomorrow's test in
English.

This particular person also has to work four hours at the local drugstore and attend three club meetings after school. In an already busy schedule, trying to find time for homework caused problems.

Because time moved faster than students could think, teens

JUST A MINUTE

Before class ends, Chris Byczko, and Paul Hernandez, seniors, work together to complete the day's assignment. With free class time students found a way to have extra time for uncompleted assignments.

struggled to make every minute count on their assignments. "I ignore my family and I don't watch TV until my homework is done," Carolyn Sarnecki, freshman, said.

Students often took drastic actions to complete homework. Forty-two out of 100 classmates reported they had at least one to two hours of homework on a regular school night. With little free time, students had to learn to budget their time and make priorities for themselves. "I set aside portions of the day to complete everything," Sandhya Gupta, senior, said. "Homework is one of the priorities that comes first."

While some students began a race against the clock immediately after school, most teens tried to relax a bit before beginning their assignments. But jobs, clubs, athletics, and other activities made time for homework scarce. "I start homework after 6:30 p.m. when I get home unless I have a lot," Jamie Block, sophomore, said. "Then I skip work or club meetings, or just bring my books with me."

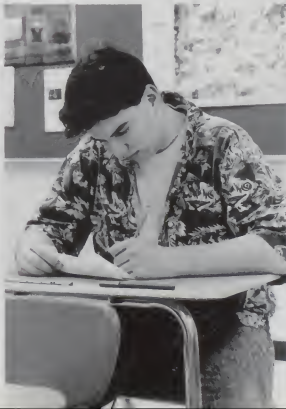
Even teachers found it difficult to keep on schedule. Reading reports and grading tests often took up more

time than anticipated. "I sometimes stay in school as late as I can and try to finish. Sometimes I fall behind," Mr. David Russell, English and photography teacher, said. "That only means I have to work harder to get where I want to be."

Because of limited time, students found themselves racing to finish group projects and term papers. High point values persuaded teens to complete all assignments. "If it were a big project or it was a big grade, I would have to do it," Jason Jadernak, sophomore, said.

Beauty sleep proved more important to some students when faced with the dilemma of staying up all night to finish an assignment. "If I know there is no way I'm going to finish my assignment, I'll just give up and go to sleep," Todd Matuska, junior, said. "There is no reason I should worry about an assignment that I can't do anything about."

As the students trudged back to school the next morning, some students had found time to do their homework. Some, however, had fought against time in order to complete the assignments.



EYE ON THE TIME

With an eye on his watch, Martin Karol, junior, works on the first U.S. History test in Mr. Gene Fort's class. Even though students made all preparations for tests, they still had to watch the clock to finish on time.

RUSH JOB

As other students use their free time to socialize, Cosmin Dobrescu and Ian Tan, work on a poster for extra credit. Although extra credit gave students the edge in class, it often took up valuable time for required assignments.

D You want
me to do
what?

reading normalcy

Twenty sandwiches,
varying from a tradi-
tional PB&J to a Triple-
decker, five-meat,
seven-cheese and
three varieties of let-
tuce sandwich, sit
together on a table,
patiently awaiting their
eager investigators.

Twenty students, pens and paper in hand, anxiously shuffle over to the table, roll up their sleeves and begin in-depth research on the victim sandwiches, jotting down notes like no tomorrow.

Though this sounds like a Subway manager-gone-mad's worst nightmare, the scenario describes the "Sandwich Lab", a Journalism I project where students learned about the relationship between appearance and public perception by rating peers' sandwiches. "The sandwich lab put some fun into the unit because it involved you," Keith Papendick, sophomore, said. "I had the strangest sandwich. It was peanut-butter, jelly and Cheetos."

A ROYAL DISPUTE

As they reenact a scene from *King Lear*, seniors Melissa Sanders and Amy Sobolewski portray King Lear and his daughter, Cordelia. Mrs. Pat Golubiewski's World Literature class had to assume the identity of characters in *King Lear* for a class participation grade.

Students found that when teachers made assignments out of the ordinary, a new perspective made learning easier and more fun. "The more unique an assignment is, the more I remember the lesson," Mark Grabski, freshman, said.

Foreign language teachers often found creative ways of teaching grammar without using too much 'desk work'. "We made a Spanish city in our classroom and travelled around it using commands," Amanda Elman, junior, said.

Literature created opportunities for students to get involved vocally, including reciting poetry or enacting a play. "To help us understand the *Scarlet Letter*, we conducted a mock court case," Chris Bailey, junior, said. "Either Hester or Dimmesdale won, but my heart will always be with Chillingworth."

Sociology students tested others' deviance by dressing up during school or other beyond-the-ordinary acts. "I stood on a desk all day," Bob Benoit, senior, said. "I learned a lot about other people, but I must admit—it got tiring."

By using blindfolds, earplugs and wheelchairs, Skills for Living students got a hands-on feel of what it would be like to live disabled. "You take handicaps more seriously when you're actually in the position of a handicapped person," Karen

Edington, sophomore, said. "You just can't learn what it would be like to be blind or deaf from a book."

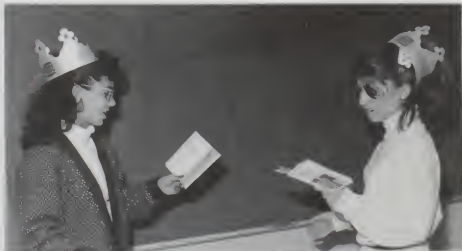
Meshing biology class with English lessons, Mr. John Edington came up with "Shakespeare's Garden", an assignment that taught plant classification through Shakespeare's use of flowers as symbols. Biology students located flowers in plays, researched them, and explained why Shakespeare chose that particular flower. "I thought that it would be a fun way to learn classification," Mr. Edington said. "Students also found out a lot of things about Shakespeare they didn't previously know."

A few unpopular odd assignments existed, and even stirred up controversy. Seventy-five percent of 391 randomly surveyed students said that the new summer reading program "served no real purpose." "Why should we read on summer break?" Jim Sofos, sophomore, said.

After the long and taxing examination, the journalism class had learned their mass appeal unit with an added perk, and they got to eat their sandwiches, too.

DREAD LOCKED

In an effort to step into another's shoes, Michelle Zafran, senior, braids her hair to experience how it feels to be different. Sociology students slipped into deviant roles to record their own and others' reactions.



CHEERS

Toasting his sixth hour Honors World Literature class, John Kouris, senior, takes on the role of Dionysus, the Greek god of wine. Mr. Phil Clark, English teacher, had his students dress up like one of the many gods so they would remember what each one represented when test time came.



MOMMY DEAREST

In an attempt to alleviate the stress of being a full-time mother, Molly Miller, senior, takes a break between classes with her flour child to listen to the latest gossip. Child Development classes allowed students to care for a flour child for two weeks to experience the joys of parenthood.



IF I HAD A HAMMER

While fulfilling requirements for Advanced Art class, Mark Matyska, senior, and Jay Sarnecki, junior, construct a scarecrow for the outdoor courtyards. The Art Department designed the wire, wood and plaster sculptures in hopes of keeping the crows out of the courtyards for the ducks' safety.



GIVE ME

A BREAK

"O K class, you can have the rest of the period to do

what you need to do."

These words describe what every student longed to hear when classes wore them out and they needed a break from classroom monotony. "When my biology teacher finishes a lecture he lets us talk the rest of the hour," Mark Lopez, senior, said. "It gives me a chance to socialize and to catch up on my other homework."

Many courses often used every second of the 59 minute period. "When a class goes on forever, it doesn't keep my attention for very long," Kitty Barrow, sophomore, said.

Labor Day, Memorial Day, and even free days gave students exactly what they wanted to hear. "Pack it up, class. The bell is going to ring in just a minute."

DOUBLE WORD SCORE

With the final letter intact, Gar Park, sophomore, completes a five-point word to bring her team up by 10 points in Mrs. Anne Whiteley's version of Spanish Scrabble. Turning vocab lessons into games helped take the dullness out of memorizing new words.

SIZING IT UP

To determine the height of a given object, Matt Kalwasinski, freshman, adjusts a transit with the assistance of Joel Franklin, freshman. Besides learning how to use equipment, students mastered plotting layouts and estimating elevation in Construction Technology, one of the new courses in the Industrial Technology Department.





BABY FACE

Not pleased with the natural taste of pureed peas, Julie Kirsch, junior, cringes as she participates in a baby food taste test for Child Development. From carrying "flour babies" to tasting baby food, the class taught students the responsibilities of parenthood.

SHUTTERBUGS

Completing the final development step, sophomores Chirag Shah, Steve Mayer and Ray Doerner take one print out of the wash and examine another freshly printed picture. The nine-step photo development process made Photography class go by in a snap.



Class is
over
already?

Fun and games

Sophomores marching
around the room recit-
ing 'to be' verbs,
scramble to collect
belongings seconds
before the bell rings.

Beyond-the-normal activities, whether marching for memorization in Mrs. Pat Golubiewski's English 10 class or performing fluency skits for Spanish class, caused some class hours to disappear without a trace.

Students who preferred mornings tended to enjoy the first few hours of a new day. "French goes by really quickly," Daria Cullen, sophomore, said. "It's first hour, and everybody's starting out fresh."

Lighter classes allowed a break from a rough schedule. Electives provided an opportunity for students to escape monotonous lectures and te-

dious note-taking. "Skills For Living relieves the pressures of my day, and I get to talk about my stress for a grade," Amy Gust, junior, said.

Students could relax in a study hall and still maintain a schedule with five solid courses. "My study hall is probably the funnest class I have," Kyle Kozubal, sophomore, said. "It's the only time I have during the day to do fun stuff and talk to my friends besides lunch."

Ten fourth-hour classes split in two half-hour sessions because of B-lunch. This lunch break cut some time out of the otherwise lengthy classes. "I would probably die if my algebra class went for an hour, straight," Jason Steinhauer, freshman, said. "If it weren't for the split, that class would last forever."

Students found that courses that kept them busy, such as gym and Foods, rarely dragged on as required classes sometimes did. "In band, I'm constantly doing something--- moving around," Katy Iglar, sophomore, said. "There's never a time when we just sit and get lectured to."

Photography and Photojournalism kept students on their toes as they looked for good pictures. Subjects that kept students on their feet passed quickly, leaving little time

for dullness. "Carrying around a camera adds excitement to my day because I can snap a picture of all of the spur-of-the-moment things going on," Sandyha Gupta, senior, said. "It keeps me alert."

Athletes looked to sixth hour Weight Training and Life Saving for a chance to wind down after their previous five classes. "Weight Training, in reality, is only a 40-minute class," Greg Hobby, senior, said. "It takes us 10 minutes to change at the beginning of the hour, and 10 more at the end, leaving only 40 minutes to actually work out."

Exciting class discussions kept students attentive. Teachers used class participation to replace busy work and maintain student interest. "In Psychology, the topics we discuss are really interesting, so it's easy to get involved," Lynn Wujek, junior, said.

In different classroom situations, a variety of things can keep a class moving at a fast pace. Whether engaging in deep conversation or running around a busy room to get something done, students discovered that in some classes, the 59 minute period flew by and the bell rang before a student knew it with no extra time to spare.

BINGO

With a blank Bingo card, Chris Nowakowski, junior, questions the call to see if he can cover a space. In Spanish class, students practiced numbers by playing "Bravo," the Spanish equivalent to Bingo. To keep students attentive, teachers tried to replace tedious busy work with more interesting activities.



ROLL WITH THE PUNCHES

At last wits with the keyboard, Victor Guerrero, sophomore, tries to master the art of typing in the computer lab. Typing class proved valuable to students, the skills it taught coming easier to some than others.

WHAT A STITCH

Engulfed in her work, Jen Symczack, junior, mends the sleeve on a jacket in Clothing class. Students in Clothing I and II learned all aspects of sewing, from the parts of a sewing machine to making a stuffed animal, using their skills for work and for fun.



Taking care
of business

Keys to success

Basic courses provoked thoughts of busy work, countless assignments and boredom. The question, "When am I ever going to need this?" frequently came to students' minds.

Though often overlooked, classes focusing on career planning and future skills broke up a schedule packed with required classes and explored information that seemed worthwhile.

Students found that a well-rounded education not only incor-

porated grammar and multiplication tables, but also taught practical skills for everyday life. "Some things you use, and some you don't," Laura Budzik, sophomore, said. "I think some of the things you learn can really prepare you for what's ahead in life."

Freshmen surprised by the variety of classes at high school discovered a vast selection compared to the minimal course selection at middle school. "At St. Thomas More, all we could take was math, English, science and stuff like that," Liz Krol, freshman, said. "But at high school, there is such a variety of classes that actually have value."

Students looking for occupational ideas could find help by taking classes such as Sales & Marketing, accounting or Business Law. Career classes opened up options and fields. "The information I learned in DECA has shown me that business is the best area for me," Adam Pacyga, senior, said.

With the first year of the Computer Aided Design (CAD) system and three new classes in the Industrial Technology Department, students had the opportunity to fur-

ther their interests in technology and engineering. "In Drafting and Architectural Drawing I learned how to actually build a house," Jeff Grahovac, senior, said.

Speech class helped students overcome fears of public speaking and taught them how to speak effectively. "I've learned how to get my point across, and that's important," Christie Dal Corrobo, junior, said. "Who knows? I could be an elected official someday!"

On the other hand, special interest classes such as photography, foods and clothing didn't necessarily lead to professional career choices, but they did broaden students' horizons and developed new hobbies. "In photography, you pay a \$46 fee for supplies, but the price is worth it," Chirag Shah, sophomore, said. "You're learning the basics of a life-long hobby."

Whether learning how to understand a contract in Business Law, tackling 100 words per minute in typing or wiring a house in Constructional Technology, students finally found classes that legitimately answered the question, "When am I going to need this?"

BOARD TO LIFE

Recovering their make-believe drown victim, Ricky Urban, junior, from the depths of the school pool, Mazen Alie, junior, and Andy Baker, sophomore, polish up their life savings skills. Sixth hour Life Saving class taught students techniques that they could carry with them for the rest of their lives.

OUR HOUSE

Meticulously working on a single level house frame, Bob Gonzales, sophomore, puts a support beam in place, while Jeff Nosich, sophomore, and Mike White, senior, cut more beams to their three-eighths of an inch scale. Construction Technology students worked on model houses for five weeks, learning the procedures of building.



When is the
bell going
to ring ?

All drawn out

The teacher's
monotonous voice
filled the room as he
scratched another
note on the chalk-
board. When is this
class going to end?

One boy stares off into space while another stares at the inside of his eyelids. A girl writes love notes and another draws her favorite cartoon character. Though some classes passed quickly, others seemed to move too slow for everyone.

Useful lectures and class discussions kept class moving along; however, students had a different opinion on the speed of classes. "In English, we get into these heavy discussions and they just go nowhere," Meg Luksich, junior, said.

Often different class hours presented problems. Because third hour fell smack in the middle of the day, it seemed to linger longer than other hours. "Every time I look up it's still

10:30 a.m., then it seems like such a long time until the hand gets to the 50," Amanda Elman, junior, said.

Still, sixth hour, the final hour of the day, seemed to move most slowly. With freedom so near, students found making plans for after school much more entertaining. "I'm tired of school and I'm looking forward to what's going on afterwards, but sixth hour seems to drag on," Sarah Selig, senior, said.

Classroom conditions added to the boredom for many students. Warm classroom temperatures along with long lectures resulted in tedious working conditions. "In algebra, it is very hot in that room, and on top of it, we have a ton of work," Matt Bochnowski, freshman, said.

In some classes, both teachers and students contributed to the fatigue in the classroom. Tension increased between restless classmates as time dragged on. "In Spanish, half the time we can't understand Senora, and the other half, most of the guys are yelled at because they are acting idiotic," Laura Wesner, senior, said.

Teachers, however, usually try their best to relieve monotony in

class. They realized that the average lecture didn't always help to get their ideas across. "I try to add humor into my lectures and I try not to repeat the same things day in, day out," Mr. Robert Wendall, mathematics teacher, said.

When classes seemed endless, students had to find their own ways to overcome boredom. A few went beyond doodling and note writing. "I listen to my Walkman, write letters to my friends at home (in New Zealand) and be a smart aleck," Andrew Alleway, senior, said.

With weariness as the enemy, students found new weapons against it. Sometimes the easiest plans for action worked best. "I try not to look at the clock a lot; time goes by faster," Galyn Gasparovic, sophomore, said.

By deceiving teachers, students also managed to fool boredom in hopes of making the class fly by. "I try to focus on the teacher without them noticing you're not paying attention," Meg said.

As boredom became part of a daily routine, students could only keep their wistful eyes on the clock and hope to be saved by the bell.



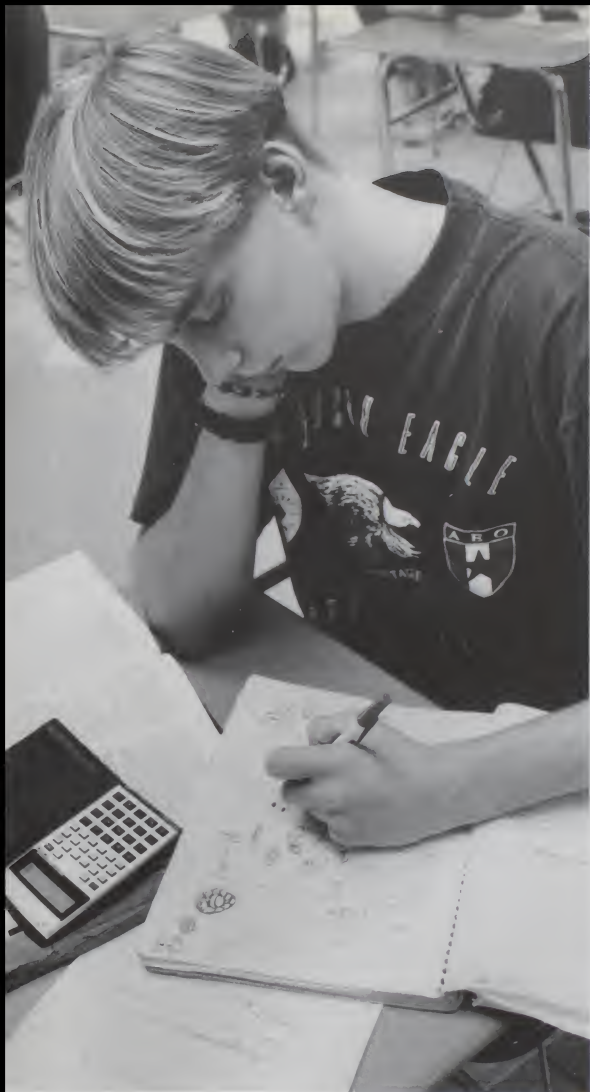
ARE WE HAVING FUN YET?

Overwhelmed by the specifics of Honors Microbiology, Jen Ramanna tries to absorb the lecture on retroviruses. Long lectures filled with innumerable details left students in a daze and seemingly held the clock at a standstill.

READ ALL ABOUT IT

Instead of completing another tedious assignment, freshmen Chris Wojtowich and Jason Mikolanis use their time to read the school paper *The Crier*. Every other Friday students had the opportunity to buy a *Crier* and find a diversion during slow classes.





SERVING UP

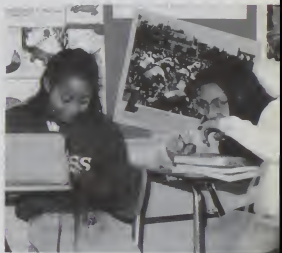
GOOD TIMES

With growling stomachs and voracious appetites, students anticipated the bell that dismissed them for lunch.

The A, B and C lunch periods allowed students to take a break from their classes for a midday meal. The additions of the Prime Time Pizza booth and the Student Government-sponsored deli bar provided tantalizing alternatives to typical cafeteria lunches.

Not satisfied with the school lunches, some students risked getting two detentions to escape to forbidden fast food places nearby. "My friends and I went out to lunch every day except maybe four times," Brian Adley, senior, said. "We only got caught once."

After finishing lunch, students headed back to class and settled into their seats, ready to digest the rest of the day.



HIDE AND SEEK

Secretly passing notes, Kim Sunah, freshman, and Natalie Bacha, sophomore, make weekend plans instead of working on their French assignment. As classes dragged on, students wrote notes to friends, drew pictures, or slept as teachers lost their attention.

ARTIST AT WORK

Rarely without his pencil and drawing pad, Mark Matuska, senior, resorts to doodling shapes and characters during a physics lecture. By doodling in their notebooks, students let their creativity show while classes tried to stifle their imagination.

Proceed
with caution

Seeing is believing

As students looked for
a change of pace,
labs gave students a
chance to gain
hands-on experience
with a touch of fun.

Lab projects ranged from tame to outrageous. No matter the project, labs provided students with information that usual lectures lacked. "We've dissected any number of little caving beasts in zoology: crayfish, grasshoppers, a fetal pig," Doug Moore, junior, said. "We studied the positions of the organs, but it felt slimy and smelled really bad."

Classes incorporated labs into their curriculums to supplement classroom activities. "I've taken foods and electronics; they have a more laid-back atmosphere because you get away from the traditional lecture techniques so often used. You get a chance to gain hands-on experience," Mike Smosna, senior, said.

Teachers believed that the way certain labs ran had a lot to do with

how much students learned. "Lab quality depended on how they were run," Mr. Art Haverstock, science teacher, said. "If it was monkey see, monkey do, nothing was learned. With 'cookbook' labs, you just put it together, but you already knew what you'd get. A good lab was when the student had to explain it. It used both application and insight."

Some labs encompassed material from more than one subject, resulting in a memorable project. "In one assignment in biology, we cross-referenced flowers with Shakespeare and how he used them in his plays," Sunah Kim, freshman, said.

Painstaking procedures and exact measurements sometimes caused labs to become tedious and complex, resulting in a loss of student interest. "In AP Biology, we had to measure the Ribosomal Factor of amino acids. It was such a

pain. There were so many steps and everything had to be done precisely," Doug said.

Becoming accustomed to frequent labs, students put their hands-on knowledge to use. "In word processing, I got more familiar with the computers, and it should help me in the future. But I hated when the printer was out," Bob Barber, sophomore, said.

Providing a break from a usual class atmosphere, labs lightened the day for many students. Unexpected mishaps added even more excitement to an otherwise dull day. "Accidentally lighting the recipe sheet on fire in foods woke everyone up," Mike said.

Labs offered a change of scenery in a generic day. The experience gained gave students a new perspective on everything from amino acids to banana creme pie.

WOUND UP

By using weights and pulleys, Robert Koh and Eugene Paik, juniors, and Marietta Parianos, senior, create a simple machine in physics. Labs played a big role as part of the curriculum for all science classes since students could see scientific theories in action.

A HELPING HAND

Following technological advances, Mr. Richard Hunt, Industrial Technology teacher, assists Ahmad Musleh, senior, with the new Computer Aided Design (CAD) system. The CAD system made up part of the new Industrial Technology.

JUST THE FACTS

In search of a story, David Fekete, senior, interviews Mrs. Paulette Libak, cafeteria director, for *Crier's* next issue. Reporters and editors gained journalism experience by publishing a newspaper which has won awards from the National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA), Quill and Scroll, and the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA).

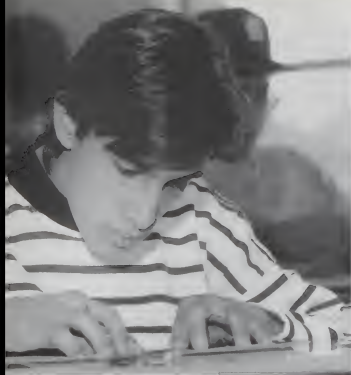


HANDS ON

As he determines the radius of a circle, Kevin Kaiser, sophomore, completes his geometry worksheet. Measuring and drawing circles, triangles and quadrilaterals to exact specifications in geometry class required "hands on" work using a pencil and ruler.

IT TAKES TWO

While Rich Korns, junior, stares at the computer screen, Bo Ryband, freshman, offers a word of advice. The computer labs not only served English classes, but also typing and foreign language classes which used programs to supplement classroom assignments.



CRUNCH TIME

Having trouble with an algebra assignment, Amy Czapl, sophomore, receives help from Katie Sindall, freshman. When confused by homework or assignments, students had to ask questions of teachers and friends before the work came due.

PIECE IT TOGETHER

While working with the Macintosh's Pagemaker program, Feature Editor Mary Kunkel, junior, places her story for *Crier*. With deadlines constantly closing in, students in publications had to make time for assignments even if it meant staying past midnight.



PUSHING IT

TO THE LIMIT

How do you spell relief? Though students may not deal with the mergers or negotiations that business tycoons in Roloids commercials do, life still proved to be stressful.

Students caused their own stress by putting off until tomorrow what should have been done yesterday. "When I have a big 12-page paper looming over my head and I put it off until about an hour before it's due, I get really stressed," Anne Hurley, senior, said.

Students applied various methods of alleviating stress. "Watching TV and hanging out with friends helps me relax," Andy Kulas, sophomore, said.

Stress found its way into students' lives but, unfortunately, relief could not be found in chewable tablets.



Every minute
counts

Under pressure

"Time's up. Pass your
papers forward."

At the teacher's com-
mand, some students
smiled smugly, confi-
dent that they had
aced the test. Others
still scribbled down
whatever came to
mind to fill in the last
six blanks on the test.

Timed tests and in-class assignments put pressure on students racing the clock. Rushed students made frenzied attempts to complete their tasks before the bell rang. "Timing

helps us to learn things, because we know we have to put it down quickly," Jamie Ward, junior, said. "The bad thing is that we should have the whole hour to do a test. In English, it takes some kids longer to remember things, like vocabulary."

In some classes, timed assignments became a frequent occurrence. The constant pressure for speed and accuracy caused sweaty palms and nervous butterflies. "In typing, we have a problem if we don't finish an assignment. Then we have to make it up," Crystal Blissmar, freshman, said.

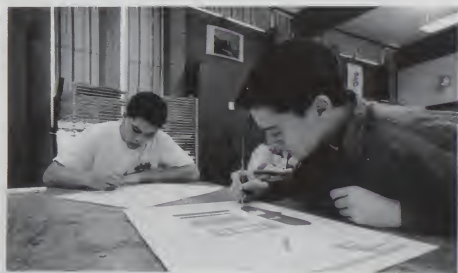
Teachers used timed tests in class to distinguish the well-prepared students who studied from those who failed to review the material. "Timed tests show that if a kid studied, there is no reason to waste time," Mrs. Renee Kouris, English teacher, said. "I set a time limit for tests. If I see that most of the class is not done, I'll

extend the time so everyone can finish the test."

Not having to deal with timed tests, some students avoided the added stress of trying to beat the clock. "I don't think I've had to take a timed test since I was in grade school. I guess that was sort of phased out after we learned our multiplication tables," Sandhya Gupta, senior, said.

Worksheets and reading assignments qualified as timed assignments when students had to complete their tasks by the end of the hour. "In history, we get worksheets or crosswords and we have to finish before class is over," Jamie Muskin, sophomore, said.

With only 59 minutes for each class, teachers pushed class time to the limit to squeeze in a week's worth of information before the bell rang. Students, for their part, did their best to keep up.



SINGLE HANDEDLY

Burdened by a broken wrist, John Kaplanis, senior, tries to keep up on a timed typing assignment. Difficulties other than not knowing the material, slowed students on timed tests and assignments.

ARTISTS AT WORK

In Drawing and Painting class, sophomores Jace Fowler and Keith Conklin work on their perspective home interiors projects. After taking time to set up and clean up, art students had only 40 minutes instead of the entire hour to finish their work.

Are you
going to
collect this?

Getting busy

A collective moan erupts from the classroom as the teacher writes an endless list of problems on the board. Another "busy work" assignment finds its way into students' daily schedule.

Busy work rarely proved to be one of the students' favorite things about school because they felt it took up much time and counted for few points. "Busy work serves no purpose," Anthony Alonzo, junior, said. "Unless the teacher was going to collect it, most kids have already decided if they will do it or not."

Occasionally, all teachers gave assignments that students felt wasted time. "Teachers will always give busy work, so students should just do it and get it over with," Tim Bognar, sophomore, said.

Teachers began using cooperative learning, but students still called it busy work. Questions arose against new methods, and cooperative learning took no exception. Teachers and students had opinions on this learning style. "There is value in it. The students work together to learn something," Mrs. Pat Golubiewski, English teacher, said. "Sometimes, the students learn more from each other than by listening to an hour long lecture."

Some students thought that cooperative learning helped them to better understand a class. "Other students could explain the assignment as well as the teacher," Rachel Schimming, freshman, said.

However, other students recognized the disadvantages of cooperative learning. "One person ends up doing all the work," Greg Glennon,

senior, said. "Each person should be responsible for his own work."

Teachers noticed these problems and tried to correct them. "I give everyone the same grade, but for those who obviously did more, I usually give them extra points. I think it's the fairest way," Mrs. Golubiewski said.

Either cooperatively or alone, students realized they would face time-consuming assignments. Most students tried to take a positive attitude towards the work. "Most likely, these won't be the last boring assignments kids will face. Not every job that we ever do is going to be fun. High school prepares you for life," Anthony said.

The students hurried out of the classroom when the bell rang. They survived one assignment, but another lurked just around the corner.

INTO ACTION

Taking a new approach, Mrs. Barbara Johnson, math teacher, reviews the assignment with her and Mrs. Pat Premet's trigonometry classes. The teachers worked together to prove the value of collaborative learning.

HELP WANTED

Preparing for their U.S. Government test, Monica Alcala, Kerrie Mattson and Carrie Mandon, seniors, compare notes. By working cooperatively with others, students filled in the blank spaces in their own work.

IT GOES LIKE THIS

Explaining chromosome mitosis to Brian Morgan, senior, and Mr. Michael Coil, student teacher, Dan Watanapongse, senior, uses strings of beads as an example. Through demonstrations and teachers' help, students found learning in co-op groups fun and interesting.





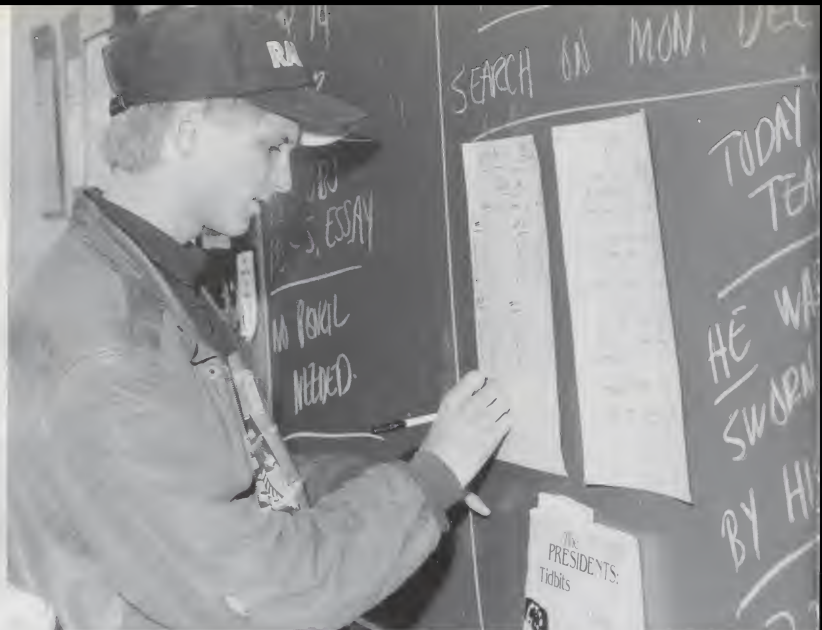
HAIR RAISER

Stressed out over the amount of work in front of her, Erin Fetch, junior, diligently works on her French assignment. Often thought to take up much time, busy work filled many hours of students' days.

LEARN BY DOING

To recognize the workings of animal life, Jeff Grahovac, senior, Francis Legaspi and Chirag Shah, sophomores, examine a fetal pig in the dissection lab. Lab partners helped out when other members of the group decided they could not handle the assignment alone.





ENCOURAGEMENT

FOR SUCCESS

With report card day nearing, students awaited the day or dreaded it. Incentives pushed them to make the grade.

Parents offered gifts for good grades. "My parents said I'd get \$20 if I was on the honor roll, but they never paid it," John Czapl, junior, said.

After driving a hard bargain with parents, some students came up on the losing side. "When I do bad on my report card, my parents usually ground me for two weeks," Heidi May, freshman, said.

In the end, parents seemed pleased with good grades and students enjoyed the payoffs.



CARRYING THE CREDIT

Just in time for the holidays, Project Biology student Mandy Blees, junior, hauls a ten-wreath package into school. Project Biology students used their Christmas sales money to help fund their spring break trip to Florida.

DRASTIC MEASURES

Witnessing Charles' Law in action, Tom Boilek and Kevin Davis, sophomores, measure the volume of water as a beginning step to their extra credit chemistry lab. In-depth after school labs rewarded up to ten points to students who took the challenge.



Give us
some credit

trivial pursuit

The words "extra credit" made trivial assignments or tedious busy work more bearable. Students wanting to get ahead or needing to catch up found it hard to pass up opportunities for bonus points.

At the grading period's end, students worked for bonus points to bring them over the hump of a borderline grade. "I try to take every opportunity for extra credit, so when it comes down to being a few

ON THE BOARD

With hopes of extra points at the six weeks' end, David Czyson, senior, answers Mr. Tom Whiteley's presidential trivia teaser in government class. Teachers provided students with innovative opportunities for extra credit in nearly every class.

points away from a grade, I don't have to say, 'I should've done that,'" Chris Bailey, junior, said.

At times, students found that trying to get a few points didn't pay off. "Sometimes the extra credit chemistry labs are so long and impossible that it's not worth it," Shoshana Gordon, sophomore, said.

Some teachers gave extra credit to students who brought in things that related to the class. "I brought in videos and articles [to French Class] all the time," Natasha Gasich, freshman, said.

Class and school participation served as a basis for bonus. Teachers awarded students for answering questions in class, dressing up for spirit week or attending a school play. "Mr. (Art) Haverstock (science teacher) gave me five extra points in zoology for giving blood," Tim Bertagnolli, senior, said. "The points were worth the pain, putting me ahead of my classmates with a 46 out of 45 possible points."

Mr. Dave Franklin dared his microbiology students to taste beef extract, an ingredient of the lab material agar for two extra points. "I did it for pure enjoyment—the taste, not the extra credit," Amanda Quasney, junior, said. "Besides, I don't think he gave me my points."

Students arriving for zero hour received quantity points on their semester grade point average for Orchestra and Project Biology. "I get to play my violin, compete, get an extra [quantity] point, and none of it interferes with my schedule," BJ Palmer, freshman, said.

Government students 18 or older registered to vote in the May primary for extra credit. "It's very important to be involved," Steven Colbert, senior, said. "Extra credit encouraged more students to do it."

With extra credit available in many forms and point values, keeping up a 110 percent average, or just keeping up in general, came easily to all students who made the effort.



MORNING MELODIES

While some students are still sleeping, Julie Byrne and Heather Molnar, juniors, play Aaron Copeland's "Huedown" in Orchestra. Students gained quantity points towards their semester GPA's by incorporating zero hour classes into their schedules.

SIGNING IN

To prove their attendance at the winter play, Angie Darrow, Athena Tosiou and Julie Shah, sophomores, have their programs signed by Mr. Chuck Schallhorn, social studies teacher. After school productions, students asked teachers for their signatures to gain extra credit for their support of the social arts.

LESS COMMON TIME

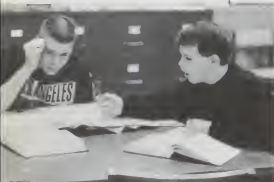
Trying to catch up on her homework, Brandy Costino, senior, takes advantage of her position Main Office aide. Students squeezed in study halls, lighter classes, student aide hours in hopes of finding extra time for homework.

BETWEEN THE LINES

Aided by *Cliff's Notes*, Ernie Peiser, senior, tries to gain a better understanding of Shakespeare's *King Lear*. *Cliff's Notes* helped students by giving them plot summaries, character analyses, and commentaries on a variety of studied books.

TRUE OR FALSE

In order to get some last-minute studying in before school, juniors John Reidelbach and Chester Coffin quiz each other for their U.S. History test in the library. The library, which opened at 7:15 a.m., gave students an extra opportunity to cram for upcoming exams.





KEEPING ON TRACK

Taking advantage of his treadmill, Bryan Zweig, sophomore, adds excitement to Kurt Vonegut's "Harrison Bergeron" as he finishes his short stories unit. Reading while exercising helped students keep their bodies and minds fit.

USE YOUR NOGGIN'

Gossip overwhelms academics as juniors Mike Rawlings, Sara Langen, Sal Karuttki, and Rick Dawson try to share their knowledge of Physics with one another. Study parties turned into social parties when friends got together to hit the books.



How am I supposed to know this?

ucky charms

Standing on her head with George Orwell's "Animal Farm" in front of her and a box of Rice Krispies at her side, the freshman's face turns blue as she tries out a new study technique.

Although this situation seems over-exaggerated, many students turned to unusual study habits, good luck charms and strange rituals when test time rolled around.

Putting the run-of-the-mill rabbits' feet or flashcards aside, students tried to make the most out of test taking with original study aides. "I make tapes of things that I should memorize and I listen to them as I

WORKS LIKE A CHARM

With the help of ex-President Richard Nixon, Kevin Ferguson, senior, trudges his way through a World Literature test. Lucky charms, no matter how unusual, proved helpful for students as they combatted tests.

fall asleep the night before the test," David Fekete, senior, said.

Good luck charms ranged from a favorite baseball card to a lugnut, but still, many people depended upon the traditional lucky pen. "I used my lucky pen as a compass," Elizabeth Van Deraa, sophomore, said. "When I didn't know an answer on a multiple choice test, I dropped the pen on the choices to see what direction I should go."

Other students opt for not-so-traditional lucky charms. Kevin Ferguson, senior, depends upon a picture of Richard Nixon when he takes a test. "I have to be careful. Sometimes he gets mad," Kevin said. "Once I forgot to take it out until the middle of a Chem test, and I wound up with a 'C'. I have to bring Nixon out at the beginning of class if I expect a good grade."

Atmosphere played a big role in how much a student accomplished during their so-called "study hours". Surroundings—or the lack of—could often make or break studying efforts. "When I study Spanish vocab, I must have complete silence," Tom Anzur, freshman, said. "Any distractions totally frazzle my mind, and then I get nowhere."

Although many believed that the best atmosphere for studying depended upon silence, some preferred music as a background for hitting the books. "I listen to the radio whenever I study," Pat Mesterharm, junior, said. "I don't think it helps too much, but at least I enjoy myself."

Another way to tackle studying blues involved group studies, though some students questioned the academic value of study parties. "Group studying is a waste of my time," Sara Weinberg, senior, said. "Socially, they're great, but when it comes down to answering test questions, I realize that I've spent three hours learning only the latest gossip."

Other students found benefits in learning from friends. "When my friends help me, they put it into form that I can understand so it's not so confusing," Amanda Schock, junior, said. "One day, in my zoology class, Tim Bertagnolli (senior) taught me the parts of a clam by putting it to a Beatles' song."

Students study habits differed as much as personalities. By putting history into song-form or carrying around models of Soviet T-72 tanks, students constantly strove to find a new angle for making the grade.

You have
got to be
kidding

Different taste

From tackling giant crossword puzzles to performing an act of "Macbeth", students found that some teachers' techniques went beyond "usual" teaching methods, and gave kids a different perspective on class time.

Because repetitive classes sometimes made even the most interested students fall asleep, teachers found different ways to cover the same topic. "In Mrs. (Barbara) Johnson's trigonometry class we learned the 'Tangent Tango'," Katy Kulas, senior, said. "We actually had to get out of our seats and do the tango."

Whether by cooperative learning or individual study, teachers showed students ways to help them learn

ALT LIGHTNING SPEED

Gathering information for his presentation on Zeus, Kevin Ferguson, senior, looks through his Mythology book in Mr. Phil Clark's Honors World Literature class. Mr. Clark's class performed presentations on the Greek and Roman Gods, which included everything from dressing in togas to singing.

the material on their own. "In my U.S. History class, we used cooperative learning a lot," Sara Falaschetti, junior, said. "It helped the class if we didn't understand something, or if we had a test the next day. Of course, there were some kids who just goofed around."

Foreign language teachers thought of many different ways to cover certain occasions in their respective countries. Whether eating traditional food, wearing traditional clothing, or watching foreign films, teachers gave students a new perspective to help them learn. "In my French class, we wrote commercials for American products in french and performed them to the class," Nora Lasbury, freshman, said. "It helped us learn to pronounce all the words."

Teachers also found benefits in finding new ways to teach. As well as helping students, it also gave faculty something new in their often routine day. "When my junior class was reading *The Scarlet Letter*, Mrs. (Renee) Kouris (English teacher) and I combined our classes and took them into the large lecture hall," Mr.

SEEING IS BELIEVING

When asked to find the large intestine on a fetal pig, Jen Szypczak, sophomore, points to it on a live specimen for Mr. Art Haverstock's zoology class. For a ten point quiz, zoology students had to show knowledge of animal anatomy after memorizing them in labs.

Phil Clark, English teacher, said. "We had them perform a trial between the three main characters and let them use props and costumes to make it more believable."

Giving students an opportunity to learn more about "out of the ordinary" people, Mr. Chuck Schallhorn, social studies teacher, taught seniors to accept differences through deviant experiences. "I dressed up as a homeless person and went to Saks Fifth Avenue," Jaime Gont, senior, said. "I learned not to be judgmental about others' actions because now I know how it feels."

Searching for a new way to approach math, trigonometry and college algebra students traveled to computer labs to try and make cosine curves and graphs more interesting. "In the computer lab, I got to see what the graphs of polar equations looked like," Jeremy Keenan, junior, said. "They were a lot more accurate than when I drew them myself, so it ended up really helping me out on the test."

As students strived to learn about their classes, teachers went beyond the ordinary teaching methods.

MAKE IT YOUR WAY

While in sixth hour journalism class, Jeanine Baciu, sophomore, inspects sandwiches for the mass appeal unit. Journalism students used the sandwich lab to test how appearance affected public opinions.





DOUBLE CHECK

With each other's help, seniors Kristy Tuzikowski and Tina Yarovsky go over their stock records to make sure they match in Mr. Don Kernaghan's Economics class. Mr. Kernaghan had students form groups to get advice on what stocks to invest in and how much money to spend.



SUBSTITUTES TACKLE

CLASSROOM HORROR

Hopeing for the best, but prepared for the worst, the substitute began class. Students whispered and looked for a weak spot to sink the "sub." For each absent teacher, this battle occurred against the sub with different results.

Students had different opinions on substitute teachers. "It's something out of the ordinary. If the sub shows a video, it's relaxing. If I pay a little attention, I might learn something," Sanjay Paul, junior, said.

Often, students found things to dislike about a sub. "Some think they know what they're doing, but they're not really qualified to teach. The class might be at a point where only the real teacher could help," Ralph Konkoly, senior, said.

Substitutes brought a change to the class. The value of the change depended on the students' and substitutes' attitudes towards each other.



Fundraisers • Language • Leadership • Service • Entertainment • Dedication • Special interests •

*i*n an effort to put on happy clown faces, Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) members, Dave Czysczon and Lisa Horner, seniors, apply stage

makeup to get into costume for the DECA balloon sale. As an added sales pitch, DECA students dressed up as clowns during the Homecoming festivities.



TRY THIS

ON FOR

SIZE

Okay, okay, so you've heard it all before. "School is as fun as you make it; get involved." From Astronomy Club to Speech and Debate, 42 organizations offered more than enough to choose from to find *what suited you best*.

Serving students and community, concerned clubs put *big* ideas to work and aimed for a better social environment with Student Government's Blood Drive and Project X soup kitchen.

From dressing up as clowns and painting their faces to making announcements during second hour, clubs used every *medium* available to promote their fundraisers, from the Poms' Sweetest Day carnations to German Club's candy sale.

As entertainers perfected routines down to the *smallest* detail, the Marching Band captured the spotlight as they performed in parades, concerts, halftime shows and competitions, including Detroit's Thanksgiving Day Parade, while seven choral ensembles qualified for state competition.

Whether cleaning the Main Office's aquarium after school or practicing for Stars 2000 before first hour, finding the *perfect fit* became an easy task, if you would just *try this on for size*.

• Honors •

Competition • Preparation • Citizenship • Parties •



ACADEMIC COMPETITION: (*front row*) Eugenia Ho, Judy Sun, Cheryl Kras, Gregory Kolodziej, Chris Maka, Mike Mayer, Chirag Shah. (*second row*) Amy Brown, Bill Wilson, Ehrlich Tan, Ryan Wong, Alan Shutko, Eric Roades, Vivek Agrawal. (*back row*) Dan Watanapongse, Micheal Smosna, David Fekete, Brad Wadle, Cosmin Dobrescu, sponsor Don Ullman.



AQUARIUM: (*front row*) Eugenia Ho, Lisa Saks, Mara Pacyga, Steven Mayer, Pamela Wesner, Liza Gandhi. (*second row*) Sandy Goldyn, Donielle Watson, Michele Uzubell, Candi Edwards, Michelle Kaim, Micheal Macik, Bill Wilson. (*third row*) Anthony Alonzo, Amanda Quasney, Katherine Anderson, Jim Zawada, Cosmin Dobrescu, Rebecca Keith, Brian Hoogeveen. (*back row*) Brian Ellis, Lisa Hoekema, Doug Moore, Brad Wadle, Alan Shutko, David Czysczon, Marty Karol.



ART CLUB: (*front row*) Amanda Quasney, Anthony Alonzo, George Fage, Keith Conklin, John Sarnecki, Jennie Gaspar. (*second row*) Brian Ellis, Jean Kapala, Dave Cenko, Paul Westerfield, John Edington. (*back row*) Sarah Selig, Mark Matuska, Tom Kapala, Kirsten Siukola, Jonathon Finerty, Blythe Biggersstaff.



ART CLUB: (*front row*) Chris Smundin, Christie Sparling, Christie Dal Corobbo, Michelle Wantroba, Marcie Parker. (*second row*) Stephanie Blacke, Cheryl Oblon, Natalie Bacha, Holly Senchak, Donielle Watson, Cara Hilt. (*third row*) Doug Cenko, Roque Cabagnot, Michelle Kaim, Micheal Macik, Heather Carter. (*back row*) Emilie Frazier, Trudy Arcella, Sarah Derrico, Becky Moore, Monica Adley, Caryn Hoekema.



It's a small world

CLOSING THE GAP

Foreign language clubs try
CLOSING THE GAP and tying
different cultures together

"Bonjour," "Hola," "Gutan Tag" or perhaps a simple "hello." With these words, the meeting began and the foreign language clubs got down to business.

In an effort to gain some brownie points and have some fun in the process, foreign language students joined their respective clubs. "I joined French Club because French students are the 'creme de la creme' as Madame Webb would put it," French Club member Mary Kunkel, junior, said.

Club activities ranged from fromage parties to ski trips as a break from the usual routine. "We were eating at a Spanish buffet in Chicago and Annie Rawlings told us to try everything because it was written in Spanish," Spanish Club Historian Amy Hansen, sophomore, said. "She ate a cow's tongue and she got really grossed out."

Active members often paid dues by selling candy

bars and working at fundraisers. "For the first time, raising money wasn't the purpose of Oktoberfest," German Club Secretary JD Lazar, senior, said. "We do Oktoberfest to spread German culture."

Out of the classroom, students utilized their knowledge to experience a different way of life. "The best part of the Fromage Party was the free food," French Club member Joe Sus, freshman, said. "It was nice to get together after school, too."

Field trips allowed teachers and students to get acquainted on a personal level. "You see kids outside the class in a different way and they see you in a different light also," Mrs. Anne Whiteley, Spanish Club sponsor, said.

Club rivalry grew as German and French Club took their positions. "Kevin Ferguson was trying to be a little Hitler and he thought it would be fun to annex the French Club," German Club member Dave Fekete, senior, said. "They wrote us a retaliation letter, but nothing ever came of it."

As the club meeting ends and the members rush home, all that remains is a faint "adios," "au revoir," "aufwiedersehen," or simply "goodbye."

HATS OFF

Wrapping the last streamer around the Spanish Club pep truck, Joe Roman, sophomore, prepares for the Homecoming parade down Ridge Road. Spanish Club held parties and sponsored field trips to museums in Chicago featuring Spanish exhibits.



DRINK UP

Surrounded by the German sound of "I'm Prostit," German Club members David Fekete and Ravi Sekhar, seniors, enjoy bratwursts and sauerkraut at German Club's Oktoberfest. The fest allowed members to enjoy German culture and food in one setting.

CROWN ROYAL

With crown in hand, Spanish Club President Ehrlich Tan, senior, and Jon Florezak, senior, prepare to pass out grab bag gifts at the Spanish Club Christmas party. Spanish Club members exchanged \$1 gifts while enjoying punch and coin cake at the party which they held in Mrs. Charlene Tsoutsouris's, Spanish teacher, room.

No job too small

LAY IT ON THE LINE

Service clubs devote their efforts and **LAY IT ON THE LINE** for the community.

From decorating dances to helping the needy and feeding the hungry, dedicated students donated valuable time to serve others in the community.

Students helped improve school functions by having fundraisers so others may enjoy special events. Class Executive Council (CEC) focused on raising money for their class. "Our primary goal is to raise enough money to put on a good prom," Junior CEC President Mandy Blees, junior, said.

Other organizations, however, used their services in other ways rather than fundraising. Project X contributed to Red Ribbon Week by tying red ribbons around trees and street posts in the area. They also worked in soup kitchens. "Project X doesn't go around harassing people to buy candy," Project X president Steve Colbert, senior, said. "We help people by working with community service organizations."

To help the needy, Project X and Student Government combined to conduct a holiday canned food drive. "It showed that affluent middle class kids care about the homeless," Student Government sponsor Mrs. Renee Kouris, English teacher, said.

QUEEN FOR A DAY

After sharing a laugh during fifth hour, Student Government sponsor Mrs. Renee Kouris, English teacher informs Wendy Wilke, junior, of her title as Junior Class Princess. Student Government took charge of activities like Homecoming and Battle of the Bands.



CLEAN SWEEP

In order to earn points for the Speech team, Sean Gailmard, senior, cleans the table after the annual Speech and Debate Barbeque. Members served, sold tickets, and cleaned up afterwards, so community members could attend the dinner before the Homecoming football game.

Not all services stayed within local limits. To remember the Cedar Lake students who died in a drinking and driving crash, Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) traveled to Hanover Central High School for a ceremony. "We donated a tree, a bench, and a plaque to commemorate the lives of those who died," SADD President Brian Ellis, senior, said.

Girls Timing Organization (GTO) aided athletes by timing, announcing, keeping score and preparing for different sporting events. "The athletes need someone to encourage them and build their egos," GTO member Beth Chansler, sophomore, said.

Whether traveling to other cities or staying within their own community, generous students showed they cared by offering their services to others in need while still finding time to improve their own school.

JUST DON'T LOOK

Lending a supporting hand to senior Steve Colbert, Kristy Tuzikowski, senior, cringes at the sight of blood. Helping the Red Cross, Student Government organized the Blood Drive on Feb. 12, where over 76 students donated blood.

TREES FOR LIFE

To commemorate the lives of those who died, SADD member, David Depa, sophomore unwraps and mounts a plaque the school donated. The tree planting ceremony helped remember the lives of two teachers and four students from Hanover Central High School who died at the hands of a drunk driver.





ASTRONOMY: (front row) Susan Carlson, Maria Carlos, Cathy Chung, Christie Dal Corobbo, Monica Rastogi, Eugenia Ho. (second row) Sean Gailmard, Amy Piniak, Blythe Biggerstaff, Mike Macik, Candi Edwards, Beth Farkas. (third row) Valerie Tosiou, Apurva Patel, Neil Sparber, Sanjeev Balajee, Adam Gordon. (back row) Amy Brown, Brian Chung, Steve Elwood, Marty Karol, Cosmin Dobrescu, Jeff DeRosa.



ASTRONOMY: (front row) Lisa Saks, Brad Wadle, Bill Wilson, Jim Zawada, Chris Maka. (second row) Anthony Alonzo, Amanda Quasney, David Kobe, Aaron Altschul, Ryan Wong, Alan Shutko. (back row) Doug Moore, J.D. Lazar, David Fekete, David Brown, Adam Lasics, Steve Colbert, Ravi Sekhar.



CADET TEACHERS: (front row) Marsha Frank, Cheryl Zubay, Biljana Skoric, Jen Lovasko, Becky Staak. (back row) Margaret Frank, Katherine Anderson, Mindy Miller, Margaret Ewing, Amy Muskin, sponsor Louise Rhodes.



CLASS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL—FRESHMAN: (front row) Christine Puchalski, Angela Bertagnolli, Kristin Demitroulas, Erin Houser, Kathy McCullough. (back row) Nora Lasbury, Jason Doherty, Chris Wilhite, Brandi Cowgill, Natalie Forbarger, Amy Bohling.



CLASS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL—JUNIOR: (front row) Natalie Anzur, Chris Bailey, Amanda Fisher, Mandy Bles, Kellen Rogan. (back row) Sean Hayes, Brad Sparber, Pat Mesterharm, Amy Brown, Jamie Ward, Jeff Sheets.



CLASS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL—SENIOR: (*front row*) Aileen Castor, Amy Sobolewski, Regan Rokita, Michelle Layer. (*back row*) Sanjeev Balajee, Carolyn Tweedle, Jon Florczak, Apurva Patel, Mark Palmer.



CLASS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL—SOPHOMORE: (*front row*) Jamie Block, Nicole Arethas, Carrie Hanas, Gar Park, Brigitte Campbell. (*back row*) Jeanine Baciu, Kristin Apatto, Kristin Johnson, Adam Schoop, Stephen Holka, Leslie Hundley.



CRIER: (*front row*) Monica Rastogi, Michelle Layer, Amy Brietzke, Sandhya Gupta, Jason McCaslin, Sanjay Paul. (*second row*) Sanjeev Balajee, Jessica McHie, Kathy Krol, Amy Mucha, Anthony Alonzo, Shane Gerson, Kim Vargo. (*third row*) Maribeth Mask, Laura Andreshak, Pat Song, Bill McCullough, Apu Patel, Mary Kunkel. (*back row*) David Fekete, Adam Lasics, Jim Brennan, John Kouris, Dottie Pomroy, JD Lazar, Ted Wilford.



JUNIOR DECA: (*front row*) Christie Sparling, Samantha Long, Laura Blue, Colleen Kouris, Sandy Goldyn. (*second row*) Donielle Watson, Michael Macik, Shawna Smith, Mike Mendoza, Michele Uzubell, Wendy Rhodes. (*third row*) Bob Marchese, Mark Lopez, Matt Klappkowski, Randy Fehring, Karen Blanchard, Chris Bailey. (*back row*) Mr. Kent Lewis, Shaun Smith, Geoff Erakovich, Tom Coyle, Chris Fierek, Mike Mickow, Chris Smeberg.



SENIOR DECA: (*front row*) Jeff Doherty, Kym Potter, Carrie Poplawski, Jim Bohlin, Candy Lucas, Deanna Klepser. (*second row*) Pete Doukas, Tami Ciesielski, Claire Hieber, Lisa Horner, Pam Tomaszewski, Lisa Hoekema. (*back row*) Adam Torreano, David Czysczon, Bob Smith, Alan Bernat, Adam Pacyga, Kelly Moake, sponsor Mr. Kent Lewis.





Small wonder

TAKING FULL FORCE

Students gained leadership positions as they found themselves **TAKING FULL FORCE** of an organization

As a group of 40 restless Student Government members assemble themselves in the cafeteria, a brave president attempts to control the uneasy crowd. After ten minutes of pleading, the students finally calm down and direct their attention toward their fearless leader, whose patience is wearing thin.

Defined by Superintendent Bill Pfister, leadership is shown through example, not by title or self proclamation. Club officers and athletic captains provided leadership for the student body as they volunteered their time and efforts to school organizations.

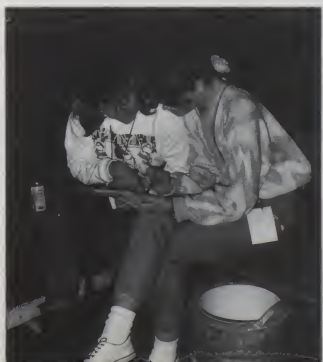
With the responsibility of keeping members interested and informed, officers made meetings exciting. "I try to make meetings as fun as possible while still getting all of our work done," Jason Doherty, Freshman Class Executive Council president, said.

SPEAK UP

By reading the list of participants in the watermelon race, Student Government President Ehrlich Tan, senior, psyches up the crowd to cheer on their classes. The Student Body President's responsibilities included promoting school spirit and organizing programs including the food drives, pep rallies, and the blood drive.

THE WINNER IS

Counting ballots during the Battle of the Bands, Student Government sponsor Mrs. Renee Kouris, English teacher, and Student Government member Heather Harbison, junior, tally votes to produce find out the winning band. By charging a \$4 admission fee, Student Government raised over \$4,000.



Demanding certain qualities for effective leadership, officers strived to meet requirements. "Being a leader takes all of your qualities working together, plus hard work and dedication to the club you're in charge of," Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) vice president Shawna Smith, junior, said.

Hopes of providing some direction and making a difference encouraged club members to become officers. Helping out a group they believed in made the extra effort worthwhile for students. "The prestige made it more attractive," *Crier* Design Editor Mari Mask, junior, said. "I love knowing that images I see in my head are transformed into concrete designs."

Sometimes more of a pain than a pleasure, officers struggled to maintain order and decorum while controlling members during important practices. "Sometimes it was hard to get everyone together if they were all really rowdy after school," Poms captain Mara Pacyga, junior, said.

Through experience and performance, student leaders accomplished their goals of creating successful club activities and realized their objective.

TEACHER'S PET

At the Cadet Teachers' meeting, president Katie Anderson, senior, shares her experience from her observations at Wilbur Wright Middle School. Seniors involved in the group got the chance to practice their desired profession by teaching the younger children that they observed in classes.





ENSEMBLES—JUNIOR BOYS: (*front row*) Joel Breuker, Min Park, Craig Szasz, John Giannini, Joe Kmiec, (*second row*) Eugene Paik, Pat Song, Robert Koh, Sean Hayes, Larry Luna, (*third row*) Brian Paz, Kevin Kolb, Jamie Ward, Eric Fleischman, Brad Sparber, (*back row*) Rich Korns, Joe Lalich, Michael Mickow, Matt Millies, Chris Orth, Jeff Bendis.



ENSEMBLES—JUNIOR GIRLS: (*front row*) Lisa Saks, Sara Langen, Kristan Hatton, Kellen Rogan, Tiffany Silgalis, (*second row*) Mara Pacyga, Christie Dal Corobbo, Wendy Wilke, Erin Fech, Amanda Shock, Elle Adoba, (*third row*) Elizabeth Marinos, Natalie Anzur, Sara Falacchetti, Amanda Elman, Miranda Zambo, Vickie Clifford, (*back row*) Meg Lukisch, Debby Fleck, Lisa Hernandez, Heather Harbison, Sara Rodenburg, Julie Kirsch.



ENSEMBLES—SENIOR BOYS: (*front row*) Todd Matuska, Brian Davis, Adam Torreano, Pat Helton, Jeff Doherty, (*second row*) Brian Morgan, Paul Hernandez, Gregory Kolodziej, Ted Wilford, Sean Gailmard, (*back row*) John Chevigny, Jeff Taylor, Jim Bennett, Tom Kirsch, Tim Bognar, Greg Glennon.



ENSEMBLES—SENIOR GIRLS: (*front row*) Tamara Hunt, Lisa Duray, Jen Kocal, Sandy Smith, Tina Yarovsky, Michelle Zafran, Wendy Kaplan, (*second row*) Aileen Castor, Amy Piniak, Tami Ciesielski, Sharon Slater, Amy Sobolewski, Sandhya Gupta, (*back row*) Dana Kender, Julie Korey, Kristy Tuzikowski, Sarah Selig, Heather Potter, Tracy Rucinski, Carolyn Tweedle.



ENSEMBLES—SENIOR MIXED: (*front row*) Tina Yarovsky, Tami Ciesielski, Sharon Slater, Jennifer Kocal, Michelle Zafran, Wendy Kaplan, (*second row*) Amy Piniak, Jeff Doherty, Todd Matuska, Amy Sobolewski, Brian Davis, Aileen Castor, (*third row*) Dana Kender, Tracy Rucinski, Julie Korey, Kristy Tuzikowski, Heather Potter, Carolyn Tweedle, Sandhya Gupta, (*fourth row*) Pat Helton, Sean Gailmard, Paul Hernandez, Ted Wilford, Brian Morgan, Adam Torreano, (*back row*) Gregory Kolodziej, John Chevigny, Jeff Taylor, Jim Bennett, Tom Kirsch, Tim Bognar, Greg Glennon.

CUT IT OUT

As a favor to the school, Art Club president Tom Kapala, senior, works on a scarecrow to protect the ducks that nested in the courtyards. The Art Club put the finishing touches on the projects that the students in the Advanced Art class began.

CLOSER LOOK

Editing tape for their premiere show March 24, Video Club members Ryan Wong, senior, Aaron Altschul, senior, and president Mike Smosna, senior, check a previously recorded segment of footage. The Video Club aired a weekly show on the U.S. Cable Channel 16 from the Performing Arts Center's Munster Cable Studio.





One size fits all

FISHING FOR FUN

Students **FISHING FOR FUN** found themselves joining special interest clubs



Two piranhas, a television show, a look at the stars and a mural. Special interest clubs, including three new groups, set out to accomplish these goals and encouraged students to join clubs to suit their tastes.

Taking advantage of the Munster Cable Studio, the Video Club aired "MHS on the Air" every Tuesday. The first show premiered March 24, covering Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) and the Battle of the Bands. "The club is not that restricted, because the meetings aren't held in school," Video Club member Cheryl Oblon, sophomore, said. "So we can basically be as creative as we want."

To fulfill their goal of beautifying the school environment, the Aquarium Club installed a 125-gallon aquarium filled with tropical fish, such as angel fish, tinfoil barbs and an algae-eater, in the Main Office. "Where as most groups work all together as a whole, we work as independent individuals striving for the same unified goal," Bill Wilson, junior, said.

The Art Club decided on a mural for the central hall as their main objective. "It may be a mosaic or an acrylic, but it's up to the members," Art Club sponsor Mrs. Marianne Mencher, art teacher, said. "It's going to entail a lot of cooperation and work."

Looking to the stars for answers, the Astronomy Club depended on non-school areas to learn about the constellations. This included trips to Lemon Lake to make observations with their telescopes.

The addition of the three new special interest clubs, the Art, Video and Aquarium Clubs, allowed students to explore specific areas of learning. "Special interest clubs help students plan a career," Art Club president Tom Kapala, senior, said. "They also help kids get better in tune with possible majors."

Special interest clubs offered students experience in fields ranging from marine biology to broadcast journalism, and still provided a social outlet for students to have fun and make new friends.



LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

To become familiar with equipment, Video Club member Cheryl Oblon, sophomore, practices working with a camera. With the help of Mr. Mark Barreiro, sponsor, the Video Club met every Wednesday to work on their upcoming shows.

FEEDING TIME



Fulfilling his duties as president, Aquarium Club member Brian Hoogseveen, senior, feeds the newly obtained aquatic life in the main office. The Aquarium Club hoped to expand their collection of animals and projects to possibly an iguana and a small pond.



ENSEMBLES—SOPHOMORE BOYS: (*front row*) Kris Nowak, Chris Tomeo, Scott Matucha, Peter Ronco, Rob Long, Barry Smith. (*second row*) Chris Fortin, Mike Jee, Steve Zimmerman, Stephen Holka, Tom Boilek, Mike Fekete. (*back row*) Eric Stokovich, Chad Bohling, Grant Talabay, Brian Eldridge, Frank Wright, Mark Rudy, Tim Fesko.



ENSEMBLES—SOPHOMORE GIRLS: (*front row*) Dawn Bainbridge, Brigitte Campbell, Nicole Arethas, Yogini Samudra, Kristen Weber. (*second row*) Natalie Newsom, Arlene Rossin, Beth Budarz, Kristin Johnson, Heather Siukola, Kitty Barrow. (*third row*) Maria Sakoutis, Ruth Pursel, Bethany Moritz, Leslie Hundley, Ashley Wasem. (*back row*) Beth Chansler, Carolyn Pesich, Melissa Robbins, April Glueckert, Melinda Robbins, Natalie Bacha.



FLAG CORPS: (*front row*) Mandy Brown, Lela Johnson, Michelle Segeleon, Candy Noel, Gabby Lewis. (*back row*) Crystal Blissmar, Eileen O'Sullivan, Carolyn O'Sullivan, Melinda Robbins, Melissa Robbins.



FRENCH CLUBS: (*front row*) Eugenia Ho, Chris Smudin, Katie Larsen, Annie Barrow, Jessica Kaufman. (*second row*) Courtney Piekarski, Sunah Kim, Kathy McCullough, Maria Carlos. (*back row*) Colleen Ward, Lauren Pelc, Helen Karalis, Michael Macik, Amy Metz.



FRENCH CLUB: (*front row*) Beth Budarz, Sujata Barai, Regina Marco, Yogini Samudra, Monica Rastogi, Heather Newton. (*second row*) Angela Mullins, Cathy Chung, Tina Yarovsky, Monica Alcalá, Jennifer Russell, Carolyn Pesich. (*third row*) Mandy Bles, Jullann Saffo, Joe Sus, Bob Hurley, Lisa O'Shea, Bijana Skoric. (*back row*) Kristin Johnson, Jenny Ross, Jennie Gaspar, Marietta Pariosos, Karl Bilmoira, Pete Ronco.





Tall order

WORTH THE TIME

Students often found activities **WORTH THE TIME** when they put forth extra effort

After six hours of endless lectures, tedious seat work and brain-draining tests, most students flocked home to watch the "Brady Bunch" and eat chocolate chip cookies. Some chose to devote their after school energy to meetings, practices and work sessions which sometimes involved late nights.

Between practicing at home and school and researching topics at the libraries, Speech and Debate Team members devoted at least 20 hours per week to perfecting their events. "I spent so much time in this because it was very rewarding," Sean Gailmard, senior, said. "It was a lot of work but it was really enjoyable and very invigorating to speak to all those people or directly debate someone."

The hard work eventually paid off as Sean finished second in the category of Original Oratory at the state tournament in Indianapolis.

Putting in extra time after school consumed many needed hours, but in the end, the results of dedication often proved successful. "Crier really took

over my senior year and sometimes I questioned why I was even in it," Editor-in-Chief Sanjeev Balajee, senior, said. "But with all the people on the staff, putting out a *Crier* was sometimes actually fun."

When important events such as Sectionals arose, much practice and preparation helped improve performances. "The week before Sectionals was all practice for my partner Jason Doherty (freshman) and me," Speech Team member Man Dee Adams, freshman, said. "We spent all of our time videotaping our performance to perfection."

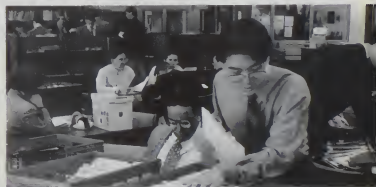
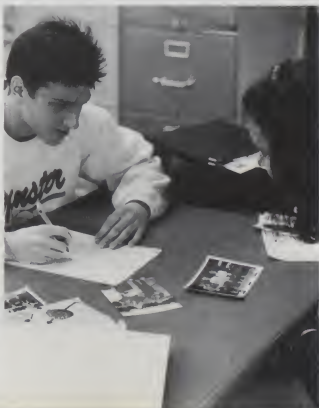
Along with the hard work and extra hours, students found time for fun. "We put in extra hours so that we could be the best and have fun," Jazz Band member Anthony Carrara, junior, said. "It also paid off by playing the songs better each time until they were almost perfect, and that's the satisfaction."

Even when students enjoyed their activities, they still had a lot of responsibilities to uphold. "I spent a lot of my free time after school printing pictures in the darkroom or out on photo assignments," Laura Andreshak, sophomore, said. "I always worried about not meeting the deadlines."

A trophy, a ribbon or simply someone just saying "nice job", all the hard work and long hours paid off in self-satisfaction for a job well done.

PLAY IT AGAIN

At a late Thursday night practice, Doug Wadle, freshman, practices his trombone song "Sing, Sing, Sing." Students sacrificed their extra time to devote their efforts to Jazz Band and put to use their musical interests.



AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

While Brian Chung, junior, files his current articles on his speech topic, Apu Patel, senior, looks over his foreign extemp speech.

THINKING IT OVER

In an attempt to write captions, seniors Mark Pietraszak and Regan Rokita pick out pictures from the Wrestling spread.



FRENCH CLUB: (front row) Roque Cabagnet, Erin Fech, David Brown, Doug Moore, Amy Gust, Mark Matuska. (second row) Natasha Gasich, Elizabeth Krol, Jenn White, Denise Hough, Candi Edwards, Donna Hough, Jackie Morrow. (third row) Aileen Castor, Tricia Jerich, Alexandra Gasich, Jennifer Harvey, Heather Barton, Todd Matuska. (back row) Bob Samardzic, Jessica VanDeraa, Steven Colbert, Kate Sindall, Art Mayes, Elizabeth VanDeraa.



FRENCH CLUB: (first row) Angie Mandel, Cheryl Zubay, Jen Ramanna, Ed Dragomer, Shoshana Gordon, Rachel Schimming. (second row) Elle Adoba, Sara Weinberg, Mark Mackanos, Daria Cullen, Dan Watanapongse, Galya Gasparovic, Mary Kunkel. (third row) Brian Ellis, Chirag Ashok Shah, Tamara Alie, Steve Tulowitzki, Milan Dotlich, Jim Sofos. (back row) Amy Brown, Kim Schmutz, Jeremie Brackett, Patrick Mesterharm, Ian Baggett, Kristy Tuzikowski, Ethel Tan.



GERMAN CLUB: (front row) Tamara Hunt, Susan Carlson, Lisa Saks, Tiffany Sigalis, Dawn Bainbridge, Carrie Mandon, Lisa Wozniakowski. (second row) Julie Shah, Beth Budarz, Heather Siukola, Cathy Lukas, Kristin Apato, Natalie Yuraitis, Linda Regeski, Jennifer Russell. (third row) Lisa Krieger, Holly Senchak, Shelly Poplawski, Amy Czapl, Mara Scott, Michelle Obenchain, Carolyn Lukas. (back row) Carolyn Pesich, Amanda Quasney, Kathy Krol, Michael Macik, Julie Byrne, Julie Kirsch, Sarah Derrico, Anthony Alonzo.



GERMAN CLUB: (front row) Apurva Patel, Mark Palmer, Dan Watanapongse, Kevin Ferguson, Min Park, JD Lazar. (second row) Roy Jain, Ravi Sekhar, David Fekete, Adam Lasics, Ted Wilford, Chris Maka, Kirsten Siukola. (third row) Tricia Jerich, Sara Hundley, Jeremy Keenan, Anthony Carrara, Ethel Tan, Jon Florezak. (back row) Salvador Karottki, Ehrlich Tan, Katy Kulas, Aaron Lander, Steven Colbert, Kristy Tuzikowski, Rick Dawson.



GERMAN CLUB: (front row) Bj Palmer, Kelly East, Michelle Kaim, Nathan Kras, Mike Fekete, Amy Piniak. (second row) Brian Ellis, Mark Sampias, Cheryl Kras, Mark Rudy, Ed Renwald, Radley Robinson, Micheal Smosna. (third row) Sandi Gricus, Tiffany Wagner, Micheal Mayer, Jen Szypczak, Margaret Ullinski, Trisha Kress. (back row) Mike Stewart, Brian Eagleburger, Matt Krol, Chris Orth, Eugene Paik, Robert Rudy, Becky Smutzer.



MUSICAL NOTES

Practicing for ISSMA state contest, Nickie Lee, junior, and Cheryl Kras, sophomore, prepares the woodwind ensembles. The ensemble competed in the state competition at Indianapolis.

HELP ME

Getting some assistance from Academic Competition Club (ACC) sponsor Bruce Curme, Chris Maka, senior, learns how to do a math problem. Competing in events such as the Quiz Bowl and the Science Olympiad, ACC used their knowledge of science and math to outsmart their competition.





HANDS TOGETHER

With nerves on edge, Speech vice president Sean Gailmard, senior, Megan Luksiich, junior, sophomores Nicole Arethas, Brad Vlick and Amanda Elman, junior, anticipate the announcement of the second place team. After the State Speech Coordinator announced rival Chesterton as the runner up, the Speech Team went wild as they claimed their second consecutive state victory.

CONGRATS

Receiving a congratulatory handshake from the announcer, Amanda Fisher, junior, accepts the trophy for her cutting from "Smile". Earning first place in Humorous Interpretation at State, Amanda advanced to Nationals in Fargo, North Dakota.



Larger than life

HEADS HELD HIGH

After hours of practicing, competition clubs had their **HEADS HELD HIGH** during victorious moments

Competition.

When most people hear this word, they often think of sports. Although competition is common in athletics, it also plays a significant role in clubs.

Speech and Debate's hard work and dedication paid off when both advanced to State, where the Speech Team captured their second victory in a row.

Hours of musical practice proved effective when the Jazz Band entered the Jazz Festival in Charleston Feb. 15 for the first year and placed third. Band and Orchestra members competed in the District I Indiana State School Music Association's (ISSMA) Solo and Ensemble contest Feb. 8. Band picked up 37 medals and advanced to the state contest in Indianapolis. Orchestra won seven first place solos, a first place ensemble and three first place duets at State.

"The windwood ensemble has placed first at State for the past four or five years," Nicki Lee, junior, said. "We were happy to continue the tradition."

Students put their brains to the test with Junior Engineering and Technological Society (JETS) and Academic Competition Club (ACC) competing in various events. JETS came in first out of nine teams in the state competition on March 5. "We gave the members previously used JETS tests to study from," JETS sponsor Mr. Bruce Curme, science teacher, said. "But a number of the Advanced Placement courses really helped out because the information in classroom matches up with the competition material."

While sports participants spent free time perfecting their athletic skills, competitive clubs focused their energies on preparing for upcoming events.





GTO: (front row) Kirsten Siukola, Laurie Harrington, sponsor Michael Sanders, sponsor Dorothy VanZyl, Jennie Gaspar, Marietta Parianos. (second row) Maria Carlos, Kitty Barrow, Kristi Amdahl, Sandi Gricus, Cathy Lukas, Helen Karalis, Samantha Long. (third row) Angela Mullins, Beth Chansler, Kristine Loprich, Stephanie Blacke, Amy Buikema, Heather Siukola, Debbie Hesk. (fourth row) Karen Edlington, Becky Walsh, Lisa Hoekema, Tamara Alie, Jolene Daly, Jessica McHie, Ruth Pursel.



JAZZ BAND: (front row) Jeff Nosich, Ron Magliola, Jason Petrungero, Tiffany Wagner, Sean Shideler. (second row) Anthony Carrara, Salvador Karotki, Dan Watsonponge, Rebecca Keith, Jeremy Lundin, Doug Wadle. (back row) Ernie Peiser, Greg Glennon, Steven Colbert, Chris Nowakowski, Robert Rudy, Phil Mlynarski, Paul Westerfield.



MARCHING BAND: (front row) Julie Shah, Nicole Lee, John Conley, Jason Petrungero, Mike Columbo, Jim Hajduk, Sean Shideler. (second row) Katy Iglar, Tiffany Wagner, Susan Burghardt, Angie Lee, Kristin Quinn, Cheryl Kras, Uma Vohra. (third row) Sandi Gricus, Michelle Keith, Laura Witkus, Trisha Kress, Laura Lichte, Margaret Ewing, John Mangus. (back row) Bob Samardzic, Jeff Nowakowski, Nathan Compton, Rachel Schimming, Maytee Boonyapradee, Todd Weaver, Doug Wadle.



MARCHING BAND: (first row) Phil Hajduk, Ron Magliola, Nathan Kras, Jeff Nosich, Pete Mangus, Phil Spence. (second row) Kelly East, Pete Yerkovich, Todd Reppen, Nick Mihalic, Rebecca Keith, Laura Andreshak, Bob Tracy. (third row) Brad Vliek, Anthony Carrara, Salvador Karotki, Rick Dawson, Jeremy Lundin, Steven Colbert, Robert Rudy. (back row) Chris Nowakowski, Phil Mlynarski, Sean Morrison, Frank Wright, Ernie Peiser, Greg Glennon, Paul Westerfield.

PERFECT FORM

While bowling to raise money for muscular dystrophy, Distributive Clubs of America (DECA) president Kym Potter, senior, aims for the center pin. With the cooperation of DECA members, DECA raised \$2700 at Olympia Lanes in Hammond.

OUCH

Holding his breath, Brian Paz, junior, nervously waits as the American Red Cross volunteer gets his arm ready to give blood. The Red Cross collected 78 pints of good blood during the all day blood drive in the gym Feb. 12.





Think big

GIVING THEIR TIME

Community oriented clubs are **GIVING THEIR TIME** for a drive towards excellence

Though many students joined clubs for fun, some found other reasons for participating in community-oriented clubs. Project X, Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) and Student Government devoted their time and effort to helping those in need.

Not like any other club, Project X got started by students. These students centered their goals around helping needy people. "Three and a half years ago, a group from Kids' Day had a series of meetings and decided to help people directly," Project X sponsor Mr. Chuck Schallhorn, social studies teacher, said. "We have the X in the name because it's a variable, and a variable can mean a lot of things."

Project X helped out the school and the community by sponsoring a canned food drive with Student Government. "We knew that not everybody is fortunate enough to have food on the table and a home," Christie Dal Corobbo, junior, said. "The least we could do is try our very best to help them out."

During April, Project X sponsored Human Rights Week, which informed the students on homophobia, homelessness, censorship and racism. By posting pamphlets and talking to students, Project X members brought these social problems to the attention of

the school. "We always have a Human Rights Week in April and every day we passed the pamphlets out," Mr. Schallhorn said. "This helped the staff and the students know what happens outside the bubble of Munster."

SADD tried to show students that drunk driving had its extreme consequences. "During Prom, we tried to teach kids how to have just as much fun while sober and that life isn't just being under the influence of alcohol," SADD sponsor Mrs. Louise Rhodes, special education teacher, said.

SADD held activities to prove that students could still have fun being drug-free. "We had a lock-in hoping it would teach kids to have a good time being sober," SADD president Brian Ellis, senior, said.

Student Government got involved with the community by holding a blood drive with the Red Cross in the gym Feb. 12. "There were about 100 kids," Student Government member Elle Adoba, junior, said. "They really wanted to save lives and not just get free food and get out of class."

Proving that kids can make a difference with a little effort, community-oriented clubs strived to improve the status quo.



HELPING HAND

In order to help the needy, sophomores Judy Sun and Amy Stover and seniors Kristy Tuzikowski, Melody Sun and Cathy Chung

sort cans from the food drive after school. Project X and Student Government formed an alliance by sponsoring the canned food drive, along with the help of other students and teachers.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY: (*front row*) Juliann Safko, Heather Newton, Lela Johnson, Kevin Ferguson, Carrie Mandon, Kris Zambo. (*second row*) Sandy Smith, Tina Yarovsky, Melody Sun, Mara Scott, Elizabeth Tan, Cathy Chung. (*third row*) Valerie Tosiou, Carolyn Tweedle, Sanjeev Balajee, Mark Palmer, Sara Weinberg. (*back row*) Apurva Patel, Sean Gailmard, Amy Piniak, Sandhya Gupta, Laurie Wesner, Shane Gerson.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY: (*front row*) Sonali Muzumdar, Dan Pavelka, Dan Watanapongse, Steven Colbert, Heather Potter, Brooke Mamas. (*second row*) Jon Florczak, Ted Wilford, Roy Jain, Chris Maka, Ryan Wong, Kristy Tuzikowski, Mark Matuska. (*third row*) Kathleen Behling, Tricia Jerich, Ehrlich Tan, Mindy Miller, Gregory Kolodziej, Micheal Smosna. (*back row*) J.D. Lazar, David Fekete, Neil Sparber, John Kouris, Tom Kirsch, Adam Lasics, Kathy Zioli.



ORCHESTRA: (*front row*) Natalie Newsom, Jeremy Smolen, B.J. Palmer, Tracey Houser, Dan Fralich, Katie Stassen. (*second row*) David Loh, Kathy McCullough, Melissa Stout, Pamela Wesner, Heather Molnar, Kavin Boonyapreddee, Amanda Fisher. (*third row*) Holly Senchak, Melinda Robbins, Laurie Wesner, Melissa Robbins, Kristina Hardy, Sea Chen. (*back row*) Dara Kraay, Dan Watanapongse, Ulysses Rosales, Jeremie Brackett, Steve Sims, Julie Byrne, Danny Branch.



PARAGON: (*front row*) Sharon Trovinger, Erin Feh, Emilie Frazier, Greer Goodman, Dana Kaplan, Wendy Kaplan. (*second row*) Trudy Arcella, Shane Gerson, Carrie Kinnis, Cheryl Zubay, Jen Ramanna, Julie Kmiec. (*third row*) Advisor Nancy Hastings, Sandhya Gupta, Jill Berzins, Jeff DeRosa, Laura Andreshak, Regan Rokita, Amy Piniak. (*back row*) Greg Kolodziej, Matt Mertz, Mark Pietraszak, Adam Lasics, Adam Gordon, Kathy Grabski.



The bigger the better

RISE TO THE TOP

Clubs did their best to **RISE TO THE TOP** when it came to parties and celebrations

It looks good on a college resume, a chance to meet new people, specific interest, a reason to get out of the house, impressive to faculty. Whether joining clubs just for the fun of it or for ulterior motives, with 42 clubs available, students could find one club for all of their varying interests.

Trying to make their way in a school of 1,076 kids, students used clubs as a way of getting to know their classmates. By staying active, teens increased their circle of friends and avoided the traditional high school cliques. "By joining clubs, I met a whole assortment of people. I didn't have to stick to just one group of friends," Monica Rastogi, junior, said.

Clubs' after school hours proved worth while as students lost their worries and set out to have fun.

"There's a lot of work that goes into Debate, but it's fun to talk to kids from other schools and hear their different ideas," Corrie Watterson, sophomore, said.

Creating a diversion from club meetings, officers and sponsors helped to make each club activity exciting. "While we (Freshman CEC) were decorating for the Homecoming Dance, we got to set up the gold fish and everyone had fun playing with them," Freshman Class president Jason Doherty, freshman, said.

Clubs threw many parties to celebrate certain events. Complete with snacks, decorations, and themes, parties kept club attendance high. "In Spanish Club, everyone comes together and eats Mexican food. It's basically a social event and we have a good time," Allison Byrne, sophomore, said.

SHOUT IT OUT

Riding on the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) truck during the Homecoming Parade, DECA members Lisa Hoekema and Adam Pacyga, seniors, show their spirit to the onlooking crowd. DECA gave students a chance to gain job experience, while learning more about the business world.

A LITTLE LIFT

Getting an extra boost, Student Government member Mark Pietraczak, senior, helps put decorations up for the Homecoming Dance. Student Government not only organized the Homecoming activities, but also coordinated the Blood Drive and the Battle of the Bands.





POMS: (front row) Natalee Newsom, Mara Pacyga, Valeri Nairn, Nicole Arethas, Heather Molnar. (second row) Beth Budarz, Julie Kmiec, Ashley Wasem, Heather Siukola. (back row) Cara Hilt, Beckie Manous, Jaci Shepp, Nora Lasbury, Sara Falaschetti.



PROJECT X: (front row) Dana Kaplan, Natalee Newsom, Tamara Hunt, Jaime Hecimovich, Heather Newton, Wendy Kaplan. (second row) Athena Tosiou, Cheryl Kras, Judy Sun, Sujata Barai, Greer Goodman, Kellen Rogan. (third row) Tina Yarovsky, Michelle Wantroba, Miranda Zambo, Christie Dal Corobbo, Valerie Tosiou, Pamela Wesner. (back row) Joanne Tsakopoulos, Gar Park, Brandy Costino, Becky Walsh, Lela Johnson, Annie Rawlings, Ethel Tan.



PROJECT X: (front row) Sandy Goldyn, Kerrie Mattson, Jolene Dally, Michelle Kaim, Rebecca Keith, Lisa Hoekema, Micheal Macik. (second row) Brian Ellis, Kristy Tuzikowski, Ehrlich Tan, Mindy Miller, Heather Potter, Margaret Ewing. (back row) Carolyn Tweedie, Mike Rawlings, Doug Moore, Greg Glennon, Dottie Pomroy, Salvador Karotki, Steven Colbert.



PROJECT X: (front row) Sara Langen, Heather Molnar, Julie Byrne, Mandy Brown, Michelle Segeleon, Liza Gandhi. (second row) Laurie Wesner, Sandhya Gupta, Trisha Kress, Amy Stover, Jen DeVries, Tammy Finlon. (back row) Laura Marshall, Tricia Jerich, Aileen Castor, Jon Florczak, Amy Piniak, Regan Rokita, Erin Fech.



QUILL AND SCROLL: (front row) Amy Piniak, Sanjeev Balajee, Kathy Grabski, Apurva Patel, Shane Gerson. (back row) Sponsor Nancy Hastings, Ted Wilford, David Fekete, John Kouris, Neil Sparber, J.D. Lazar.

DRUM ROLL

As the band plays "Quarter 'til Three" during half time at the Homecoming game against Lowell, sophomores Jack Conley and Peter Yerkovich add a twist to their number. The band marched in numerous parades, including the Indy 500 and the Detroit Thanksgiving parades.



RISE TO THE TOP

When searching for a way to perk up extra-curriculars, clubs journeyed outside of town. Making trips to Chicago or the ski slopes, clubs altered their environments for added excitement. "For Spanish Club we went to a children's museum in Chicago. There was a Spanish exhibit for the Day of the Dead," Uma Vohra, freshman, said. "It was fun because we got to go shopping and out to eat also."

Not only concerned with providing fun for themselves, clubs strived to bring recreation to the rest of the student body. "I try to make clubs more fun by providing a creative outlet for students," second semester Student Body President Sal Karottki, junior, said. "With so many events like Battle of the Bands and Homecoming, clubs can work together to make it more fun for everyone."

Fun, parties, brownie points, and friends. Students participated in clubs for the rewards they received and the help they could give to the school.

MEXICAN HAT DANCE

As traditional Spanish songs play on the jambox, the Spanish Club cheers to the crowd during the Homecoming Parade. Members of the Spanish Club participated in after-school fiestas, field trips, and parties.

FINISHING TOUCHES

In a hurry to finish decorating, Sarah Derrico, junior, puts the final touches on the German Club's car before the Homecoming Parade. Many clubs participated in the parade, not only to show their school spirit, but also to increase the awareness of their club.



SAY CHEESE

While attending an after-school French Club Fromage party, sophomores Galyn Gasparovic and Sheshana Gordon enjoy some traditional French food. The French Club celebrated many occasions the year, including Mardi Gras.





SADD: (front row) Michelle Kaim, Sandhya Gupta, Anthony Alonzo, Todd Matuska, Laurie Wesner, Greg Szypczak (second row) Amanda Quasney, David Kobe, Brian Ellis, Amy Damjanovich, Joel Franklin, Jason Klee. (third row) Rebecca Keith, Andy Kiszenia, Josh Dorka, Gregory Kolodziej, Kurt Simon, Mark Matuska. (back row) Katie Anderson, Randy Fehring, Joe Hrush, Mike Jabaay, Dottie Pomroy, sponsor Louise Rhodes.



SADD: (front row) Sanjay Paul, Brendan Ellis, Christi Echterling, Tracy Gomez, Lisa Hookema, Michael Macik. (second row) Chris Dorka, Jim Darnell, Joe Vusak, Cheryl Zubay, Biljana Skoric, Jessica Adams. (third row) Trisha Kress, Shawna Smith, Radley Robinson, Mike Duran, Tina Niksch, Cheryl Oblon. (back row) Sponsor Louise Rhodes, Joe Sus, Sandy Goldyn, Angela Weyand, Donielle Watson, Heather Barton.



SADD: (front row) Athena Tosiou, Jody Davis, Becky Staak, Gina Spalding, Valerie Tosiou. (second row) Liza Gandhi, Carrie Poplawski, Christie Sparling, Shelley Poplawski, Vivek Agrawal, Ana Marie Javate. (third row) Cheryl Kras, Becky Walsh, Aileen Castor, Tricia Jerich, Lela Johnson, Pamela Wesner. (back row) Sponsor Louise Rhodes, Uma Vohra, David Depa, Garrett Kozlowski, Michelle Keith, Brian Glasco.



SADD: (front row) Heena Shah, Lisa Saks, Lisa Shah, Timie Gomez. (back row) Sponsor Louise Rhodes, Nadia Urzua, Susan Carlson, Debbie Heseck, Tamara Hunt.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

Working with lighting and sound in the booth, Kelly East, sophomore, covers the technical aspects of the fall play, *The Mousetrap*. To become a Thespian, Theatre members had to gain ten points by acting onstage or working backstage.



TASTE THE THRILL

Students **TASTE THE THRILL** of victory as they participate in honorary clubs

When deciding what clubs to join, thoughts of credentials and "do I have enough points to qualify" didn't cross many students' minds. For students awaiting acceptance into National Honor Society (NHS), National Forensic League (NFL) or Quill and Scroll, these thoughts seemed quite normal.

Honor clubs provided motivation as well as achievement eager members. "Being in Quill and Scroll provides you with a sense of pride knowing that others recognize your efforts," photographer Shane Gerson, senior, said.

Eligibility requirements ranged from grades to required points. NHS required a 4.2 Grade Point Average (GPA) and 30 activity points. Students participated in extracurricular activities, organizations and community services to acquire points.

Quill and Scroll required publications students to rank in the top third of their class, while Thespian members had to earn 10 points by working on stage

or behind the scenes.

NFL encouraged Speech and Debate members to earn 25 points from competing in meets and rank in the top two thirds of their class. The honor proved to be a stepping stone to bigger and better things. "To qualify for higher competitions, like Sectionals and Districts, members had to first qualify for NFL," Sujata Barai, sophomore, said.

Similar to the athletic lettering system, honor clubs students may receive the opportunity to letter. Academic lettering would recognize students actively involved in competitive extracurricular activities, according to Dr. Kevin McCaffrey, principal.

Honor clubs served as more than just "something that looks good" on a college application. They brought pride and a sense of accomplishment to recognized members.

ROUND OF APPLAUSE

As he accepts his second place ribbon in Original Oratory, NFL member Sanjeev Balajee, senior, smiles while fellow speech members cheer him on. The Speech Team achieved the most sweepstakes points, an accumulation of rank out of 22 schools.

STOP THE PRESSES

Receiving national recognition for the 91-92 Crier, Editor-in-Chief Sanjeev Balajee, senior, accepts a third place award in the Best of Show competition at the National Scholastic Press Association/Journalism Education Association's National Convention held at the Hyatt Regency, Chicago, in November. The acclaimed paper also received a Regional Pacemaker at the conference.



NO WAY

Surprised at her results during the Munster Speech Meet, NFL member Jaime Hecimovich, sophomore, looks on with awe when hearing her fourth place ranking for Prose Interpretation. As a reflection of the preceding year's state win, the Speech Team adopted the motto "We're Still the Goods".

Bigger and better things

CAREERS TAKE SHAPE

Career oriented clubs help future CAREERS TAKE SHAPE for aspiring students

"Just wait until you get out into the real world!" Those famous last words were repeated to students continuously over the course of four years. Luckily, students have the opportunity for a head start before entering college and the work force.

Prep clubs including The Association of Marketing Students (DECA) and Cadet Teachers offered special assistance to students whose career interests lie in the areas of business and education. "Career oriented clubs gave the students first hand experience in jobs they were interested in." DECA sponsor, Mr. Kent Lewis, business teacher, said.

Cadet Teaching allowed students to observe other teachers and their ways of teaching. "In January, I went to Elliott Elementary School to teach kindergarten for an hour." Mindy Miller, senior, said. Students attended meetings once a month and then discussed with the other members what they learned and observed at the schools.

Students in DECA participated in Business and Advertising related activities in and out of school. "As a senior DECA member, students have the option to take a job after school or leave after period four and go to work." Lisa Horner, senior, said. Taking a

job during school gave students the opportunity to earn two additional credits. Working at Edward's Pizza, Jewel, and Giant Auto helped students continue their learning out of school.

Students in DECA spent weekends at Career Development Conferences competing with other school and organizations. These contests include such categories as Ad Layout, Free Enterprise, Job Interview, and Restaurant Marketing and Management. "In November, we went to Lexington, Kentucky for a Central Region Leadership Conference where we attended workshops for ideas in careers in marketing and learned about preparing for other contests." Mike Mendoza, junior, said.

After graduation, students had careers already in line, thanks to career-oriented clubs that offered many possibilities for students and their futures as they taught them valuable lessons for life.

CHECK IT OUT

Checking out their competition, Shaun Smith, junior, and Jeff Erakovich, senior, look for the Merchandise Decision Making Team room at the District tournament on Jan. 18. The team placed second at the tournament and went on to compete at state.

TIME TEST

Working in the event of Vehicle and Petroleum, seniors Jeff Doherty and David Cyszcson, DECA members, spend an early morning testing their knowledge. DECA members participated in the district competition which led them to qualify for the State Development Conference in Indianapolis.





HELPING HAND

To show the differences between circles and squares, cadet teacher Margaret Ewing, senior, helps Wilbur Wright Middle School student Meredith Edwards put shapes in the right slots. Helping with special students allowed cadet teachers to practice with different levels of education.

EDUCATIONALLY SPEAKING

While students spend a few minutes after school for a cadet teachers' meeting, sponsor Mrs. Louise Rhodes, West Lake teacher, asks what they observed during their visits to different schools. Cadet teaching allowed members the opportunity to prepare for a career in education by studying classroom teaching techniques.



SPANISH CLUB: (front row) Jamie Block, Chrsi Mead, Erin O'Connor, Frances Legaspi. (second row) Jaime Hecimovich, Kelly Heaney, Pamela Wesner, Arlene Rossin, Nadia Urzua. (back row) Ana Marie Javate, Susan Bingham, Michelle Wantroba, Regina Marco, Melissa Stout, Mandy Brown.



SPANISH CLUB: (front row) Heather Molnar, Jason Greenbaum, Athena Tosiou, Lisa Shah, Mary Petrovich, Amanda Fisher. (second row) Joe Florczak, Sea Chen, Trudy Arcella, Jason Klaich, Kristina Hardy, Beckie Manous. (back row) Matt Saltanovitz, Anthony Carrara, Jeremy Keenan, Salvador Karotki, Rick Dawson, Cosmin Dobrescu, Joe Roman.



SPANISH CLUB: (front row) Cathie Capic, Annie Rawlings, Amy Piniak, Ehrlich Tan, Jon Florczak, Amy Hansen. (second row) Amanda Horvath, Amy Damjanovich, Rebecca Keith, Jon Finerty, Stephanie Rudd, Jenny Cushing, Marika Voukidis. (third row) Julie Byrne, Ted Wilford, Joe Roman, Matt Saltanovitz, Dour Moore, Steven Colbert. (back row) Jim Brennan, John Reidelbach, Steve Tulowitzki, Jason Vogt, Brian Thevenin, Jim Sofos, Amy Stover.



SPANISH CLUB: (front row) Daniel Tabion, Judy Sun, Gaston Moore, Lynn Wujek, Ian Tan, Car Park. (second row) Sandhya Gupta, Jason McCaslin, Ulysses Rosales, Wendy Rhodes, Laura Wesner, Lisa Saks, Christie Dal Corobbo. (third row) Monica Alcala, Tricia Jerich, Valerie Tosiou, John Giannini, Uma Vohra, Heather Blanco. (back row) Monica Adley, Becky Smutzer, Lisa Hernandez, John Sarnecki, Anthony Alonzo, Amanda Quasney, Mike Macik.

T-SHIRT SALES SOAR

Students earn money as
T-SHIRT SALES SOARS and
clubs create other interesting
endeavors for raising funds

Wandering from door-to-door, pitching a sales campaign in class, peddling Guatemalan wear to the student body, or serving up to 1,200 people, revealed just how far clubs would go to earn money through fundraisers to support various outings and activities.

Clubs tried to break away from traditional candy sales and turned to more creative means of earning money. "Candy sales get old and every other club does it, so we decided to do something new this year: a cookie sale," Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) president Brian Ellis, senior, said.

Fundraising items ranged from Project Biology's Christmas greenery to Distributive Education Clubs of America's (DECA) Guatemalan wear. "We decided to sell Guatemalan items because it was different and seemed to appeal to the students," DECA's District One President Michael Macik, junior, said.

Clubs often had to juggle around their finances in order to raise enough money for needed materials. "The other Pom uniforms were old and outdated and we had no other immediate expenses so we took advantage of the money and bought two new uniforms," Poms member Nicole Arethas, sophomore, said.

In addition to meeting monetary goals, club members also turned to fundraisers as a way of uniting participants. "We have the Homecoming Carnation

sale to bring everyone together while helping raise money for future cheerleaders and us," Sara Weaver, freshman cheerleader, said.

With visions of Homecoming creeping up, students' minds started filling with thoughts of annual fundraisers. "The Speech and Debate Chicken Barbecue has a positive reputation which allows for camaraderie in the town, where friends can sit down and interact," assistant Speech and Debate coach Mrs. Mary Yorke, English teacher, said.

By having fundraisers, clubs became less dependent upon parents to shell out all the money needed for events. "Fundraisers are important because they give us a chance to use our salesperson skills to raise money for an organization, instead of asking just parents for all the money to support a group," Project Biology member Kimberly Schmitz, junior, said.

Whether trying to satisfy a sweet tooth, show appreciation to a loved one or get a jump start on Christmas presents, club fundraisers benefited students as well as club treasuries.

LET THE CHIPS FALL

Adding the last of the chocolate chips, sophomores Tony Burrell, Vikas Shah, Jack Conley and Peter Yerkovich continue their efforts to finish a batch of fudge for Junior Achievement (JA). JA hoped to make a profit by selling fudge from October to February.



STRIKING IT RICH

All decked out for the DECA Bowl-a-thon, Heather Ross, senior, aims for a strike at Olympia Lanes. DECA earned over \$2000 which went toward the fight against Muscular Dystrophy.

SEND THE VERY BEST

Receiving a carnation from his sweetheart, Greg Hobby, senior, benefits from Crier's fundraiser. Crier sold carnations for \$1.50 and passed them out on Valentines Day.



SPEECH AND DEBATE: (front row) Jonathon Finerty, Roy Jain, Kristy Tuzikowski, Steven Colbert, Ted Wilford, Amanda Elman. (second row) Meghan Woodrick, David Fekete, Milan Dotlich, Eric Stojkovich, David Kobe, Dennis Ruhl, Georgetown Kourts. (third row) Grant Talabaty, Chirag Ashok Shah, Doug Moore, Tom Anzur, Alan Shulko, Jamie Ward. (back row) Tracy Rucinski, Bryan Zweig, Dottie Pomroy, John Kouris, Brad Wadle, Brian Rucinski, Brian Davis.



SPEECH AND DEBATE: (front row) Laurie Wesner, Sandhya Gupta, Karl Bilimoria, Dave Hankin, Amy Stover, Sonali Muzumdar. (second row) Kevin Ferguson, Ethel Tan, Jon Florczak, Martin Karol, Joe Roman, Amanda Quasney, Jon Finerty. (third row) Apurva Patel, Amanda Fisher, Amy Damjanovich, Jason Klach, Ed Renwald, Sanjeev Balajee. (back row) Art Mayes, Emilie Frazier, Shoshana Gordon, Galya Gasparovic, Meg Luksich, Jean Kapala, Vivek Agrawal.



SPEECH AND DEBATE: (front row) Beth Farkas, Patrick Mesterharm, Sean Gailmard, Tina Yarovsky, Maribeth Mask, Adam Lasics. (second row) Doug Wadle, Pamela Wesner, Natalie Bacha, Judy Sun, Lisa O'Shea, Amy Mucha, Uma Vohra. (third row) John Melby, Kristin Johnson, Jennifer Russell, Man Dee Adams, Sea Chen, Kim Vargo. (back row) Gar Park, Corrie Watterson, Elizabeth Krol, Chris Maka, Ravi Sekhar, Leslie Hundley, Jason Doherty.



SPEECH AND DEBATE: (front row) Eugenia Ho, Lisa Shah, Monica Ratogi, Michelle Layer, Abby Levin. (second row) Lori Conley, Lisa Saks, Nicole Arethas, Jason Greenbaum, Jessica Kaufman, Jay Chand. (third row) Sujata Barai, Kristan Halton, Brian Chung, Jaime Hecimovich, Lauren Pelc. (back row) Sunit Pinnamaneni, Roque Cabagnot, Ian Tan, Matt Economou, Bill Wilson.

ON DISPLAY

Setting up the display for DECA's Guatemalan sale, seniors Pam Tomaszewski and Deanna Klepser make the window appealing to passing students. To defray the cost of Nationals, students sold items such as purses, pants, and tie-dyes to friends and family.



STUDENT GOVERNMENT: (*front row*) Dawn Bainbridge, Sujata Barai, Julie Blackstone, Sara Langen, Chrsi Mead. (*second row*) Cathy Chung, Judy Sun, Mary Petrovich, Annie Rawlings, Lauren Lumbrazo. (*back row*) Patty Hemingway, Kris Zambo, Carolyn Lukas, Melody Sun, Beth Suier, Miranda Zambo.



STUDENT GOVERNMENT: (*front row*) Dan Tabion, Melissa Sanders, Tricia Jerich, Elle Adoba, Jen Ramanna, Amy Gust. (*second row*) Dan Watanapongse, Amanda Elman, Amy Stover, Meghan Woodrick, GalyN Gasparovic, David You. (*third row*) Bryan Zwieg, Kristy Tuzikowski, Paul Hernandez, Salvador Karottki, Ehrlich Tan, J.D. Lazar. (*back row*) Heather Harbison, Matt Mertz, David Brown, Tom Kirsch, Mark Pietraszak, Jim Brennan.



THEATRE: (*front row*) Steven Colbert, Kristy Tuzikowski, Ted Willford, Shane Gerson, Tim Bognar, Lisa Hernandez. (*second row*) Emilie Frazier, Amy Piniak, Sean Gailmard, Sarah Selig, Marty Karol, Todd Matuska, Amy Mucha. (*third row*) Amy Damjanovich, Gregory Kolodziej, Salvador Karottki, Jon Florczak, Amy Hansen, Art Mayes. (*back row*) Doug Moore, Brad Wadle, Patrick Mesterharm, John Kouris, Greg Glennon, Katy Kulas, Kelly East.



THEATRE: (*front row*) Ethel Tan, Tricia Jerich, Beth Mavronicles, Jenny Harvey, Leslie Hundley, Jason Doherty. (*second row*) Aileen Castor, Brooke Mamas, Jolene Daily, Kathy Zioli, Sarah Ambros, Amanda Fisher, Carolyn Tweddle. (*third row*) Doug Wadle, Amanda Quanscy, Rachel Schimming, Elizabeth VanDeraa, Donielle Watson, Lela Johnson. (*back row*) Gar Park, Amy Stover, Adena Altschul, Julie Kirsch, Julie Byrne, Trudy Arcella, Steve Rossi.



Big time

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

From music to dance, entertainers find that **PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT** as they step into the spotlight

Roaming the aisles, looking for the perfect seat, audience members prepared themselves for an evening of drama, music or dance. Satisfied smiles crossed their faces as they exited the auditorium, overlooking the hard work and dedication that went into creating the semi-flawless presentation.

For many clubs, preparing for a performance meant staying after school hours on end to perfect a scene or dance step, just to provide entertainment for onlookers. "For the play (*The Mousetrap*) we practiced everyday after school from 7 to 10 p.m.," Theatre Organization member Jessica Schoen, freshman, said. "In the beginning we would go through one act a night to be sure to get the timing and lines down."

The Theatre Organization took a new approach by adopting "A Night of One-Acts", where students had a chance to write and direct productions. The evening consisted of three one acts, two written by

students. Theatre members took advantage of this opportunity. "I could be creative and have fun," Theatre member Greg Kolodziej, senior, said. "The whole experience was a once-in-a-lifetime chance."

Even though they had to sacrifice time in order to rehearse, club members decided it paid off in one way or another. "During long routines, my arms get really tired, but it builds muscles and is a lot of fun," Flag Corp member Melissa Robbins, sophomore, said.

Club members had to budget time and prioritize their schedules. After trying to squeeze everything in, something always seemed to get left out. "I hate having practice on Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. because I always have to miss 'Beverly Hills 90210'," Poms member Christy Wiatrowski, junior, said.

Performing in front of large crowds sent chills down some students' spines, but others walked tall with confidence when performance night rolled around. "When performing, I feel sort of proud because all the hard work paid off," Marching Band Member Brad Vliek, sophomore, said.

Performances stretched farther than just halftime entertainment for the Band, Poms and Flag Corps. They traveled to Sycamore, IL and Detroit, MI for the

STEP BY STEP

With synchronized steps, the Band plays "Sirocco" and marches down Ridge Road during the Homecoming Parade. Besides performing at football and basketball games, concerts, and competitions, the Band participated in the Homecoming Parade, the Sycamore Pumpkin Parade and Detroit's Thanksgiving Day Parade.



TOPPING IT OFF

Preparing for her stage debut, Jessica Schoen, freshman, adds the finishing touches to her character, Miss Casewell, for the fall play *The Mousetrap*. Underclassmen found seniority didn't have an effect when auditioning for leading roles.

DEEP THOUGHTS

Sharing in the spirit of the holiday season, Amanda Fisher, junior, and Pamela Wesner, sophomore, perform a series of holiday carols. The orchestra volunteered to provide the entertainment before and during the Holiday Choral Concert and Dinner.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Pumpkin Parade and the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade, and performed on national television. "The parades were sort of a letdown because it was cold and on Thanksgiving, but our auxiliary placed first or second," Poms member Cara Hilt, junior, said.

No matter how much time went into a performance, a little slip-up now and then seemed inevitable. "Once we were doing a hat ripple and the girl next to me knocked mine into the audience. I had to wing it," Senior Ensemble member Sarah Selig said.

Not all clubs practiced in the evening or after school. Orchestra members dragged themselves out of bed and rushed to school at 6:45 a.m. for zero hour. "This year the orchestra size doubled. I appreciate all the people that come in the morning and give it their best," Orchestra member Steven Sims, senior, said.

As the curtain rose or the halftime buzzer rang, club members hurried to their positions in the spotlight. Entertainers enjoyed the well-deserved gratification that came from dedicated hours of practice.

BLANK STARES

Astounded by the possibility of having a felon as a houseguest, Tina Yarovsky and Sean Gailmard, seniors, and Jeremy Kryt, junior, look at Tim Bognar, sophomore, with awe. The fall play *The Mousetrap* gave the audience a sense of fear and suspense.

BLOW YOUR HORN

Rehearsing for the Holiday Choral Concert, seniors Sandy Smith and Jen Kocal play their kazoots to "Good King Kong." The Senior Girls Ensemble performed the humorous parody of "Old King Cole" for the concert and local community functions.



KEEP YOUR CHIN UP

Bundled up in winter clothing, Flag Corp members sophomores Amanda Brown, Melinda Robbins and Carolyn O'Sullivan, senior, practice their routine for the Detroit Thanksgiving Parade, which entailed a five-hour drive. The Marching Band and Flags rehearsed before and during first hour outside on the track.





THEATRE: (front row) Sujata Barai, Mary Petrovich, Erica Lesniak, Julie Shah, Jeanine Baci, Annie Rawlings, (second row) Christie Dal Corobbo, Melissa Slout, Tiffany Wagner, Alison Byrne, Nataliee Newsom, Mara Pacyga, Vickie Clifford, (third row) Carolyn Posich, Heather Stukola, Man Dee Adams, Tina Yarovsky, Natalie Bacha, Sandhya Gupta, (back row) Maribeth Mask, Sanjay Paul, Carolyn Lukas, Amy Buikema, Ashley Wasem, Mike Macik, Linda Regeski.



THEATRE: (front row) Chris Smudin, Annie Barrow, Erin O'Connor, Kim Smith, Daphne Noel, Monica Rastogi, Lisa Saks, (back row) Dawn Bainbridge, Tiffany Silgalis, Jessica Schoen, Holly Baran, Sara Langen, Lisa Krieger, Kristan Hatton.



THESPIANS: (front row) Nataliee Newsom, Ted Wilford, Kristy Tuzikowski, Tim Bogner, Shane Gerson, Tina Yarovsky, (second row) Sandhya Gupta, Amanda Fisher, Amy Piniak, Sean Gailmard, Natalie Bacha, (back row) Jon Florczak, Sarah Selig, Patrick Mesterharm, Gregory Kolodziej, Mark Matuska, Steven Colbert

STRAIGHT UP

Caught in the spirit of "Let's Go Crazy", Poms Nora Lasbury, freshman, Ashley Wasem, sophomore and Sara Falaschetti, junior, perform at the Merrillville basketball game. The Poms choreographed a new routine each week for halftime entertainment.

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urchasing the latest Michael Jordan card or attending the frigid football sectional championship game against Andean, students charged into *sports craze* with full steam. If looking for a lull in the action or time to catch your breath, chances were you didn't find it here.

From diving in left field to make that crucial catch to swishing the game-winning overtime jump shot at Biddy Ball, students relished every *moment of glory*, whether playing for one of the 18 school sports, for community leagues or just for fun.

Flocking to the basketball sectional showdown or rooting for their classmates at the Homecoming pep rally, fans took every opportunity to show their *support* while cheerleaders, coaches and managers aided the teams in their quests for victory.

After hours of grueling practice and preparation, teams faced a *moment of truth* as they squared off against rival opponents.

Whether sprinting up the court or cheering from the sidelines or stands, fanatics found *never a dull moment* in the fast-paced action.

NEVER

A DULL

MOMENT



Sportsmanship

Games • Winning • Losing • Competition • Fitness •



Scores • Fans • Support • Coaches • Players • Unity • Teams • Practice • Discipline • Managers •

*W*ith his team cheering him on, Matt Mertz, junior, tries to keep the beat at the Homecoming pep rally. The team added a new twist to the traditional talk when they rapped the verses in syncopation.

JUST CALL

With disappointed faces, members of the Boys' Varsity Basketball team wait for the coach's call and their turn to play. Those who saw limited game action encouraged their teammates from the bench.



PITCHING IN

Before the TF South game, boys' basketball manager Chester Coffin, junior, organizes the team's warmups. Managers' duties included washing warmups and filling water bottles.



GO BIG RED

Amidst flying confetti, the Senior Class displays their school spirit at the Homecoming pep rally. From tennis to track, fans boosted the players and gave them extra incentive for a win.

ON TIME

During the boys' swim meet against Bishop Noll, Girls' Timing Organization (GTO) member Kristen Weber, sophomore, records the time for the 100 backstroke event. From setting up touchpads to recording swim times, GTO handled all of the behind-the-scenes jobs that enabled the swim teams to compete.





Giving teams an extra boost,
behind-the-scenes players
throw in a helping hand for

STRONG SUPPORT

Papers, TV reporters, and radio only give the credit to the starters; rarely do they recognize the backbone of the team: the trainers, the "bench warmers" and the fans.

During games, managers took care of filling water bottles and checking equipment, allowing players to concentrate on the action. "The players' job is to play and score baskets," basketball manager Chester Coffin, junior, said. "Mine is to make sure that everything is running well by meeting their basic needs like towels and water."

A good trainer thinks of the players' needs before he does. Like a cowboy and his gun, the trainer always stands ready with an equipment kit to take on any problem that might arise. "One time I lost my mouthpiece, and if I didn't find it I wouldn't be able to play," football player Brian Eldridge, sophomore, said. "But suddenly there appeared Kim Chrustowski (senior), who saved the day with a new one."

Calming nerves and breaking locker room tension, the "bench warmers" added to the team in ways other than allowing starters to catch their breath. "I remember one time before a game when we put Mark Lopez (senior) in a locker and wouldn't let him out for about 15 minutes," football player Kevin Kolb, junior, said.

Sitting on the bench, non-starters kept a close eye on the action, ready to go in any time the coach called on them. "I observed the opposing players," basketball player Mark Palmer, senior, said, "so when I got in the game, I already knew what to expect."

Players sometimes joined a team for the enjoyment and the social benefit even when they knew they wouldn't get much playing time. "I played because I enjoyed playing the sport and practicing, and because it was fun to be part of the team," volleyball player Kristin Fisher, freshman, said.

The fans went to all extremes to encourage the team, from trying to start a wave to chanting their favorite player's name. "The best kind of game was when the team was down and came from behind," Amanda Elman, junior, said. "Everyone went beserk."

A successful season consisted of the whole student body: not just the players, but the trainers, the fans and the people on the bench. Maybe everyone who attends the game should receive a letterman's jacket.

STRETCH IT

After injuring his shoulder during football practice, Milan Dotlich, sophomore, watches as Mr. John Doherty, certified trainer, demonstrates his rehabilitation exercises. Icing their injuries in the whirlpool and working them in the weight room helped to speed up players' recoveries.



Whether decorating lockers or painting signs, cheerleaders spend countless energy to

RAISE SPIRIT

With the score tied and less than a minute remaining, the cheerleaders scream "How Funky is Your Chicken" in an attempt to boost the crowd's spirit and cheer the team to victory.

To prepare for upcoming seasons, the girls attended a summer camp at Indiana University, where they won a first place cheering award and captured the Spirit Award. "The camps showed us more skills in gymnastics and cheerleading and helped us with our ability to perform cheers and jumps," Sara Weaver, freshman, said.

Perfecting a new cheer or mount required hours of weekly practice. "We practiced every Wednesday for about two hours," captain Carolyn Tweedle, senior, said. "During basketball season, we practice two or more times a week to perfect our routines."

Cheerleaders employed different methods of fundraising to raise money for new uniforms. "Turnabout is the most important fundraiser of all," cheerleading sponsor Mrs. Nancy Skoronski, said. "It pays for new home uniforms every year."

Cheerleaders went out late at night to TP players' houses and to deliver freshly baked cookies to their doors. "The sugar in the

cookies would hopefully make the team more energetic and the toilet paper made them get out of the house and clean it up," Kellen Rogan, junior, said.

Not only did the girls focus on the team, but getting the crowd pepped up remained just as important. "When we got the crowd going, then the players heard the fans and that got them pepped up," Carolyn said.

Attending home and away games sometimes interfered with weekend plans. "The only bad thing about it was when all of my friends were planning on a big night out and I had prior obligations to cheerleading," Dana Kender, senior, said. "But the night was never ruined, just postponed. I always tried to tell my friends to go to the game, if it was at home, and meet me there."

After finishing all of the hard work and practice, the girls enthusiastically showed off their spirit. "After the girls perfected a cheer, they were proud of their hard work and knew they were ready to perform it for the crowd," Mrs. Skoronski said.

After all of the hours of practicing, tee peeing houses and cheering during games, a well deserved win seemed as important to the cheerleaders as to the players.

PAINTING SPIRIT

To psych up the basketball team for an upcoming game, freshman cheerleaders Vicky LeVan and Tara Jackson make signs to hang in the hallways. Cheerleaders made signs, TP'd players houses and decorated lockers to improve team spirit



PUMP IT UP

To pep up the crowd, Kellen Rogan, junior, cheers with the crowd while trying to add spirit to the game. When the teams needed encouragement, cheerleaders tried everything to encourage the players toward a victory.



TRUCKIN'

At the Homecoming Parade, the Varsity Cheerleaders cruise along the parade route towards the high school. Along with cheering at games, the cheerleaders participated in two pep rallies and the Homecoming parade.

CATCH THE SPIRIT

In order to get the fans' attention and support, Juliann Safko, senior, and Kathy Lukas, sophomore, throw miniature footballs into the crowd at the Homecoming game. The added encouragement helped the team to a 34-12 victory.



Freshman Cheerleaders: (front row) Jenny Ramos, Tara Jackson, Kristin Quinn. (back row) Vicky LeVan, Sara Weaver, Allison Stalmack



Junior Varsity Cheerleaders: (front row) Kathy Lukas, Athena Tosiou, Erica Lesniak. (back row) Mary Petrovich, Carolyn Lukas, Mandy Bles, Laura Triana.



Varsity Cheerleaders: (front row) Heather Newton, Kellen Kogan, Erin Fech, Valerie Tosiou. (back row) Juliann Safko, Nicole Llewellyn, Laura Marshall, Carolyn Tweedle, Dana Kender.

CALLING THE SHOTS

Varsity hustles to championship showdown
as Andean ices Sectional victory

With high and low points throughout the season, inconsistency plagued the Varsity Football Team. Like a roller coaster at an amusement park, the team experienced a ride full of ups and downs, but finished below .500 with a 5-6 overall record.

After long summer practices, the team began to ready itself for its first game expecting a winning season. "The attitude over the summer was great, and we were expecting a big season," co-captain Adam Torrealano, senior, said.

The team opened up its season with a home game against the Hammond Wildcats. With the team returning less than five starters on both offense and defense, inexperience affected the team early. "A lack of confidence and the first game going into overtime really hurt the young players' performances," Greg Hobby, senior, said.

The Mustangs pushed their 7-0 overtime loss behind them and focused attention on obtaining their first season goal: winning the Battle of the Bridge by defeating conference rival Highland Trojans. "The team forgot the loss to Hammond and really concentrated on beating Highland," co-captain Keith Kozubal, senior, said.

The importance and desire the team placed on the Battle of the Bridge helped them overcome the Trojans 29-7. "We waited a whole year for that game, and we weren't about to blow the chance," Brian Davis, senior, said. The Mustangs had added incentive for a victory because they hadn't beaten the Trojans for two years.

After evening up their record at 1-1, the Mustangs faced their second Lake Subur-

ban Conference (LSC) opponent, the Griffith Panthers. The Panthers, ranked fourth in the state in Class 3A, shut out the Mustangs 47-0. "Some people wrote us off after the loss to Griffith, so it gave us even more incentive to play harder and prove ourselves," Kozubal said.

On the rebound from their loss to the Panthers, the team focused on the Homecoming game against Lowell. After a week of preparation and a pep rally, the Mustangs came out with a 34-12 Homecoming victory. "The whole team was in the right frame of mind because Homecoming is such a big deal," Bob Raduenzel, senior, said. "We played like we were supposed to, and we had fun doing it."

Facing another ranked foe, the Mustang squad went head-to-head with the East Chicago Central (ECC) Cardinals. The team played right with ECC and led 6-0 at halftime. The game grew closer when ECC scored a touchdown and the extra point, bringing the score to 7-6 at the end of the third quarter. The Cardinals eventually outlasted the Mustangs and scored twice in the fourth quarter to make the final score 21-6. "The

score really doesn't do justice to how well we played against ECC," Head Coach Leroy Marsh, health and safety teacher, said. "Just a few key mistakes we made late in the game cost us the chance of the upset."

FULL SPEED

For the purpose of getting good field position, Jeff Bendis (#20), junior, returns Highland's punt as juniors Jeff Sheets (#23) and Craig Szasz (#15) seal off the left sideline. The good blocking resulted in Bendis running back the punt for a touchdown.

MOMENT OF TRUTH

Varsity Football

0-7	Hammond High (OT)
29-7	Highland
0-47	Griffith
34-12	Lowell
6-27	East Chicago Central
15-33	Crown Point
35-6	Calumet
4-18	Lake Central

SECTIONALS

31-13	Highland
17-0	Gary Horace Mann
0-21	Andean





RED 8, RED 8...

In an attempt to draw the defense offside, quarterback Jon Czapl, junior, shouts out the offensive signals. Offensive linemen such as Jeff Grahovac (#63), senior; Ryan McCormick (#72), junior; and C.J. Compton (#51), sophomore, aided the Mustangs in a 31-13 first-round sectional victory over the Highland Trojans by controlling the line of scrimmage both offensively and defensively.

C OLD SWEAT

As the agony of defeat sets in, co-captain Aaron Lander, senior, directs his concentration to the final minutes of the game. In bitter, icy wind, the Mustangs fell to Andean 21-0 at the Sectional Championship game.



VARSITY FOOTBALL: (front row) Mark Lopez, Dan Pavelka, Geoff Erakovich, Brian Morgan, Adam Torrance, Jeff Doherty, Pat Helton. (second row) Bob Raduenzel, Trevor Huard, Keith Kozubal, Aaron Lander, John Kouris, Brian Davis, Greg Holby, Kris Zambo. (third row) Matt Krol, Matt Wittkamp, Jon Czapl, Rich Trzeciak, Jeff Sheets, Sean Hayes, Jason Chandler. (fourth row) Andy Doren, Robert Koh, Kevin Kolb, Erik Fleischman, Matt Mertz, Jason Bazarko, Jeff Bendis, Craig Szasz. (fifth row) Grady Willis, Brad Caddick, Ryan McCormick, Larry Luna, Adam Hanson, Michael Stewart, Ed Stevens, Mike Mendoza, Tim Semchuk. (sixth row) Joe Riccio, Mike Jez, Jeremy Brackett, Tim Fesko, Ryan Popa, Tim Rogner, Chris Compton, Adrian Smith, Jeff Bagull, Dan Wilson. (seventh row) Victor Guerrero, Joe Vusak, Brent Bonnar, Brian Eldridge, Brian Davis, Milan Dotlich, Mark Gralewski, Steve Holka, Matt Mybeck. (back row) Kim Chrustowski (manager), Cathy Kedin (manager), Coach Dave Franklin, Coach Dirk Sloan, Coach Bob Shinkan, Coach Tom Largus, Coach Jack Yerkes, Head Coach Leroy Marsh, John Doherty (trainer), John Mangus (manager), Sara Brenman (manager).

MOMENT OF GLORY

Team reaches sectional championship game against Andean

Brian Eldridge, sophomore, gains First Team All Conference

CALLING THE SHOTS

Football Continued

Following a 33-15 conference defeat to Crown Point, the team upped their LSC record to 3-2 with a 35-6 victory over Calumet. The team finished up their regular season with a game against Lake Central. The Mustangs lost to the Indians 18-4 to finish with a 3-5 overall record. "The sectional draw had already been drawn and I think we just overlooked Lake Central," Ryan McCormick, junior, said.

The draw resulted in an advantage for the Mustangs, who would play the Highland Trojans in the first round of sectional play. "It was almost like the beginning of a new season because Highland was our first game of Sectionals," Torreano said.

When the dust cleared and the game ended, the Mustangs won by the score of 31-13 to advance them to the second round of Sectionals against Gary Horace Mann. The team shut out Gary 17-0 for a chance to play the Andean 59ers for the sectional championship.

The Mustangs and their

coaching staff sacrificed time and effort to come up with a winning strategy to use against Andean. The film studies and scouting reports revealed the possibility of using an outside running attack. "We watched a lot of film on them and found out that we should have been able to run the ball outside on them," Kozubal said.

The weather froze the team's outside attack as sub-zero temperatures and an icy

field crushed the team's hopes of a sectional crown. "There was a lot of ice on both sides of the field, and it was hard to get any traction at all," Jon Czapl, junior, said.

The 59ers beat the team 21-0, and ended their up-and-down season. "At times we looked great," Torreano said. "Other times we just fell apart. We just weren't consistent."

GOT IT?

To avoid miscommunication, Head Coach Leroy Marsh, health and safety teacher, makes sure that wide receiver Erik Fleischman (#82), junior, gets the right play. Players went to Coach Marsh for last-minute advice and counseling before big plays.

MOMENT OF TRUTH

Junior Varsity Football 4-4

14-13	Hammond High
28-9	Highland
14-21	Griffith
20-6	Lowell
18-19	EC Central
13-21	Crown Point
49-6	Calumet
16-22	Lake Central

Freshman Football 4-1-1

13-0	Highland
18-6	Griffith
12-28	Lowell
34-6	Crown Point
28-6	Gavit
0-0	Lake Central





ALL FOR ONE

Before the start of the second half, Coach Leroy Marsh fires up his team to help them keep their

14-7 lead against Highland. The football team won the Battle of the Bridge by 22 points over the Trojans.



FRESHMAN FOOTBALL: (front row) Kaii Figurski, Jason Brooks, Ryan Bullek, Greg Maurer, Ryan Garzinski, Mike Crowley. (second row) Tim Piniak, Adam Dausch, Ryan Korbauer, Matt Kalwasinski, Brendan Ellis, Robbie Shimko, Doug Rathert. (third row) Don Williams, Dave Ortmann, Jeff DeVries, Don Carter, Jeff Darmakowski, Bo Ryband. (fourth row) Chris Marsh, Tim Szurgot, Rich Mendoza, Jeff O'Connor, Tom Anzur, Josh Dorka, Tony Bazarko. (fifth row) Jeff Slaggs, Jeff Alters, Assistant Coach Dave Adich, Head Coach Dennis Spangler, Keith Thomas, Keith Vitkovich.



IN THE CLUTCH

With an all-out effort, safety Tim Fesko (#12), sophomore, stretches to gain an extra inch after an interception while Bob Raduenzel (#90), senior, looks to aid his safety on the run back. Fesko's interception gave the Mustangs good field position from which they scored a touchdown.

ICE MAN

Incapacitated because of a sprained ankle, co-captain Adam Torreano, senior, follows the action from the sidelines. Injured players visited the trainer, sat in the whirlpool and went through therapy in order to recover.

UPTO PAR

At Wicker Park, Shoshana Gordon, sophomore, takes a practice swing to make sure her putt lines up perfectly. Gordon ended up shooting par and contributing to the team's 183-251 victory against Lake Central.

RIGHT IN LINE

In hopes of shooting par, Galyn Gasparovic, sophomore, concentrates on lining up the perfect putt at the Lake Central meet held at Briar Ridge. Gasparovic went on to shoot a personal best of 44 at the meet.



MOMENT OF GLORY

Girls' Golf placed 11th at state

Ranked as high as fifth during the season



GIRLS' GOLF: Karin Weidenfeller, Tiffany Silgalis, Coach Tom Whiteley, Amanda Fisher, ManDee Adams, Galyn Gasparovic, Sarah Derrico, Shoshana Gordon, Mary Kunkel, Sara Conley, Katie Anderson





POWER DRIVE

Lady Mustangs shoot their way to rank 11th in State

Early Saturday morning, with dew still fresh on the tee, the golfer adjusts the ball to the right height and takes a swing. Whack! The ball flies 200 yards down the middle of the fairway. This began the season for the Girls' Golf Team.

With only one senior on the roster, the team questioned having a winning season.

"Even though this was my first year I tried being a leader to the younger players," Katie Anderson, senior, said.

Winning became a habit for the fifth-ranked team as they started their season with 11 wins. At the Jefferson Invitational, the Lady Mustangs shot an 18-hole school record low. "When we shot 363 as a team and then placed second at Jefferson, that pretty much set the tone of the season," Coach Tom Whiteley, social studies teacher, said.

Throughout the fall the underclassmen contributed much to the team's wins. "They tried hard and practiced even harder," Captain Karin Weidenfeller, junior, said. "We all started playing early in the summer and got an early jump on other teams."

IN THE ROUGH

After a tee-off Amanda Fisher, junior, chooses a five-iron to drive the ball out of the rough and onto the green. Players had to know which club to choose according to the lie of the ball.

The golfers' only loss came on the last match of the regular season, to Michigan City Marquette. "We tried not to take it so hard and looked towards the post-season," Galyn Gasparovic, sophomore, said.

As the regular season ended they used the loss as a motivation towards the upcoming sectional meet, where the team

placed third, advancing them to Regionals. "We were hoping for first place, but third wasn't bad because we qualified for Regionals," Shoshana Gordon, sophomore, said.

Facing their next challenge at the regional tournament, hosted by Laporte, they placed third again. "I was satisfied with our placement at Regionals because our goal from the beginning of the season was to make it to the state meet," Gasparovic said.

For the first time since 1988, the Girls' Golf Team advanced to the State finals. "The whole

team was excited, but especially me because I was a freshman varsity player," Sara Conley said.

The girls' season ended with the team finishing 11th at the state tournament. "We shot exactly our season average at State and we were satisfied," Coach Whiteley said. "Our goal from the beginning of the season was to make it (State finals). I kept on telling them we had the potential."

MOMENT OF TRUTH

Girls' Golf 11-1

3rd Rensselaer Invitational
2nd Lafayette Jefferson Invitational
209-220 Crown Point
207-239 Valparaiso
187- 251 Chesterton
210-288 Merrillville
199-268 Lowell
193-279 Lake Central
207-214 Andrean
185-251 Lake Central
238-256 Bishop Noll
198-224 Crown Point
3rd Laporte Invitational
194-221 Portage
206-199 Michigan City Marquette
3rd Sectional
3rd Regional
11th State

ON LINE

Caught out of position, co-captain Sanjeev Balajee, senior, tracks down his Highland opponent Jim Bajaj's shot. Balajee went on to win his match 6-2, 6-2 and lead the Mustangs to a 5-0 conference victory.

FIRE UP

While waiting for their opponents' serve, the second doubles team of senior Dan Watanapongse and sophomore Ron Davidson get position for a solid return as they warm up for Sectionals. The Mustangs blanked both Bishop Nolland and Morton to capture their 11th sectional championship.



MOMENT OF GLORY

Team reaches Semi-state for first time in five years

Juniors Min Park and Ravi Gupta qualify for State doubles competition



BOYS TENNIS: (front row) Jason Doherty, Mark Grabski, Steve Mayer, Karl Bilmoria, Jarrod Simonetto, Brent Gust, Dan Byrne. (second row) Brian Vanbokkel, Ross Vanator, John Giannini, Pete Ronco, Chirag Shah, Jason Ugent, Jeremy Smolen. (third row) Dan Fraulich, Davin Loh, Jim Sofos, Mark Sampias, Steve Tulowitzki, Mike Mayer, Dan Kim. (fourth row) AJ Detterline, John Laha, Sunil Pinnamaneni, Jelf DeRosa, Tim Liming. (back row) BJ Palmer, Ray Doerner, Mark Palmer, Min-Sik Park, Ravi Gupta, Coach Ed Musselman, Ron Davidson, Dan Watanapongse, Roy Jain, Sanjeev Balajee.

BOUNCE BACK

Boys hit Semi-state
for first time in five years

Bouncing the neon green ball twice in his left hand, he stares intensely across the net at his competitor. As he tosses the spinning ball into the air, he swings through with all his might. Boom! An ace, untouched, and that's how the Boys' Varsity Tennis Team started their season.

The team began their season with 11 consecutive victories before suffering their only regular-season loss to Plymouth in the second round of the Laporte Invitational. "The Laporte Invitational is extremely competitive," Coach Ed Musselman, mathematics teacher, said. "The match could have gone either way."

With only one setback during the regular season, the Mustangs charged into tournament play. They began post-season competition by capturing their 11th sectional championship, beating Bishop Noll and Morton 5-0.

The Highland Regional title became the team's next goal. Defeating Highland 4-1 and Crown Point 5-0, the boys earned their first regional championship in five years. "Although we didn't have to play Merrillville or Andean at Regionals, it was still a

challenge to advance," co-captain Sanjeev Balajee, senior, said. "This year was the first time we've qualified for Semi-state in five years; we were ready to go the whole way."

Winning the regional title qualified the Mustangs for Semi-state in South Bend. "The regional title excited the team for the trip to Semi-state," Coach Musselman said. "We were matched up with Elkhart Central in the first round and knew that we could compete with them. That gave us a feeling that we could win Semi-state."

Defeating Elkhart Central 3-2 advanced the Mustangs to their next battle against South Bend Saint Joseph. The team lost the semi-state championship 2-3 and ended their season at 19-2. "They were ranked sixth in State and their singles players were just too strong," co-captain Mark Palmer, senior, said.

Winning their own semi-state match, first doubles team Min Park and Ravi Gupta, juniors, qualified for the state doubles tournament, where they lost in the first round. "It felt like the season was over when the team lost at Semi-state," Gupta said. "That took some of the thrill out of going to State."

Starting the season with a bang gave the team a chance to grab a taste of success. Once the Mustangs grasped this feeling, it made it difficult for the boys to hang up their rackets.

MOMENT OF TRUTH

Varsity

19-2

- 5-0 Gavitt
- 3-2 Valparaiso
- 5-0 Hammond High
- 5-0 Morton
- 5-0 Hobart
- 5-0 Lake Central
- 5-0 Griffith
- 5-0 Bishop Noll
- 5-0 Highland
- 5-0 Crown Point
- 3-2 Penn
- 2-3 Plymouth
- 5-0 Lowell
- 2-1 Andean
- 5-0 Calumet
- 3-2 Merrillville

Sectionals

5-0 Bishop Noll

5-0 Morton

Regionals

4-1 Highland

5-0 Crown Point

Semi-State

3-2 Elkhart Central

2-3 South Bend St. Joe

GET BACK

As he prepares for a backhand, BJ Palmer, freshman, looks to return his sectional opponent's shot. Strong play throughout the season earned Palmer the number three singles spot on the team.

RUNNING ON EMPTY

Girls' Cross Country Team
sprints to Regionals

Hampering the Girls' Cross Country team, pulled muscles, shinsplints, and fractures affected them through the season. Forcing underclassmen to run Varsity and play leadership roles, the team pulled through with a 3-3 record.

Morning practices and summer road races started the season. "Practice began every morning at 8 a.m. even if it was 100 degrees out!" Angie Kotso, junior, said. "We ran in local road races in our pre-season to stay in shape."

Competition began with two of the team's top runners, Jean Kapala, sophomore, and co-captain, Laura Lichtle, senior, injured due to stress fractures. "We could always count on them to score points for us, but even when they were injured, they kept our spirits high." Sara Langen, junior, said.

After finishing fifth in the Lake Suburban Conference (LSC) meet and in Sectionals, six members advanced to Regionals. Finishing tenth, all six runners achieved their personal best. "I was excited that we made it to Regionals, but I knew a lot of hard work was still ahead of us," Bethany Moritz, sophomore, said.

For first time runners, Regionals proved exciting. "Going to Regionals

was interesting; we did extremely well in Sectionals but still had a whole week of practice before Regionals to improve." Jen Szypczak, sophomore, said.

Despite several setbacks, the team remained optimistic. "We had a fairly successful season, and without the injuries we could have done a lot better," Amy Cornelison, freshman, said.

Injuries laid the team's course with unpredictable results. "We had our ups and downs because of injury," Coach Rita Camire said. "On the other hand, the girls who were healthy came through for us."

Upperclassmen leadership and team unity played a major role during the season.

"There was a no rivalry and we were proud of each others accomplishments," co-captain Jen Ramanna, junior, said.

Personal goals pushed some of the girls onward. Because of her performance at the Conference meet, Corrie Watterson, sophomore, made the Second Team All Conference team. "I was hoping to make First Team All Conference, but the competition was harder than last year," Watterson said.

Although injuries plagued the team throughout the entire season, they pulled through and overcame obstacles in order to fulfill their goals.

MOMENT OF TRUTH

Girls' Cross Country
6-2

16-44	Griffith
28-29	Lowell
48-15	Hobart
29-26	Lew Wallace
52-19	Andean
63-52	Lew Wallace
29-27	E.C. Central
67-29	Morton
9th	Gavit Invite
8th	Lowell Invite
9th	Lake Central Invite
14th	Highland Invite
5th	Clark Invite
5th	Conference
5th	Sectionals
10th	Regionals

OUT OF BREATH

After a trying race, Dana Wierzbinski, sophomore, gasps for breath. A mandatory cool down lap after a race helped prevent sore muscles.





SIGH OF RELIEF

Coming to a halt, Amy Rasch, sophomore, slows down after her Sectional run at Dowling

Park. The team captured a 5th place title and advanced six runners to Regionals.



GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY: (front row) Bethany Moritz, Sara Langen. (second row) Beth Chansler, Jen Ramanna, Natalie Anzur, Melissa Vrabel, Angie Kotso. (third row) Coach Rita Camire, Jen Szypczak, Corrie Watterson, Jean Kapala, Amy Cornelison, Dana Wierzbinski, Laura Lichtle, Amy Rasch.

MOMENT OF GLORY

Team qualifies for Regionals for second consecutive year

Corrie Watterson, sophomore, earns Second Team All Conference



SET THE PACE

With great strides, Jen Szypczak, sophomore, sprints to overpower her opponent at Regionals held at Lemon Lake. Even though they didn't finish first, each runner achieved her personal best.

PERFECT TIMING

Discussing the results of the Lake Central Invitational, Coach Rita Camire shows individual times to the team. After each meet, the team anxiously waited to see if their times improved.

UPWARD BATTLE

Cross Country Team
runs out of time

With several obstacles blocking their course, the Boys' Cross Country Team had to adapt to a new coach, an inexperienced team and injuries.

Co-captain Ian Baggett, junior; co-captain Omar Porras, sophomore; and Brad Vlieg, sophomore, went down early in the season and added nothing to the hopes of a championship season. "I was a little disappointed when our top runners went down, but I was really proud of the younger players filling in the role," Coach Aaron Brown, middle school teacher, said.

The younger players stepped up and contributed to the teams' biggest victory at the Lowell Invitational while placing eight out of fifteen, with a team consisting of all underclassmen.

Running for Varsity, the younger boys still found time to "mess around." "They (underclassmen) had a tendency to screw around," Baggett said. "Basically, I tried to show them there is a time for fun and a time to get serious."

The team proved un-

FINISH LINE

Nearing the end of the run, Chris Wojtowich, freshman, breaks away from the rest of the pack. Freshmen often had to fulfill the responsibilities of a varsity runner due to upperclassman injuries.

predictable at times with anyone taking the glory. After recuperating from his injury, Baggett finished 11 out of 60 at the Gavitt Invitational and Joey Furdek, freshman, placed 15 out of 137 at the freshman/sophomore meet at Thorton Fractional South (TF South). "There were a lot of surprises on our team. Some people did better than I thought they would," Chris Wojtowich, freshman, said.

By placing seventh out of eleven at Sectionals their season ended a little earlier than expected. "Our goal from the beginning of the season was to get out of sectionals," Coach Brown said. "I guess you can say I was a little disappointed."

Finding it hard to adapt to a new coach, three boys quit, leaving the rest to pick up the pieces. "When they quit, it reduced our chances of competing with better teams because of our inexperience," Porras said. "Two runners we lost were juniors."

With a season full of inexperience and injury, the team could not pull off a winning record.

A STEP AHEAD

With only one mile to go, Chris Fortin, sophomore, sprints ahead of teammate Chris Wojtowich, freshman, at the Sectional meet. The team ended the day by finishing 7th place out of 11.

MOMENT OF TRUTH

Boys' Cross Country

16-44	Griffith
28-29	Lowell
48-15	Hobart
29-26	Lew Wallace
52-19	Andean
63-52	Lew Wallace
29-27	E.C Central
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9th	Gavitt Invite
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9th	Lake Central Invite
14th	Highland Invite
5th	Clark Invite
5th	Conference
5th	Sectionals
10th	Regionals





BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY: (front row) Jim Whiteley, Joey Furdek, Ron Magliola, Scott Ewers, (second row) Jeremy Keenan, Brad Vliet, Chris Fortin, Omar Porras, Eric Slazyk, (back row) Mike Rawlings, Ian Baggett, Brad Brauer, Chris Wojtowich, Josh Nelson, Coach Aaron Brown.

MOMENT OF GLORY

Ian Baggett, junior, placed 11 out of 60 at the Gavitt Invitational



AFTER THE RUN

After running three miles during the Lowell Invite, Joey Furdek, freshman, enters the chute and crosses the line. Joey went on to earn outstanding underclassman by his teammates.

TO THE LIMIT

With one more mile to go, Josh Nelson, junior, pushes on to the finish line. Running four to five miles a day at practice kept runners from getting exhausted during a meet.



KILLER INSTINCT

19-9 team nets new school setting, spiking percentage records

Serve, volley, spike, score and then rotate. The Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team followed this routine daily in preparation for a winning season.

Conditioning both on and off the court continued. "In order to produce a good record, off-season conditioning was a must," Coach Carmi Thornton, elementary school teacher, said. "You can't just sit around during the off-season and come back next year hoping to still have the same strength and skill level."

Players found ways other than team practices and weight room circuits to build up strength and endurance. "During the summer I played at the sandpits in Wicker Park to build up strength in my legs," co-captain Dana Kender, senior, said.

Beginning the season with four consecutive victories, the team's winning streak halted when Valparaiso and Bishop Noll dealt them their first defeats. The Mustangs got back on track with three more wins until they lost to Crown Point, resulting in the team's only conference setback.

Tournaments allowed the team to improve their skills before Sectionals. "We played in these tournaments to

get ready for the end of the season," Thornton said. "We didn't get any trophies, but more importantly, we got three pretty tough games."

Victories against arch rivals boosted the team's confidence and gave them a sense of optimism. "Beating Lake Central gave us confidence and proved we were a team to be taken seriously," Kim Schmitz, junior, said.

Coasting into Sectionals with a regular-season record of 18-8, the Lady Mustangs overpowered Lake Central and advanced to the semi-finals. After gaining an 11-2 lead in the second game against Crown Point, the team lost 11-15. "We were known to get a big lead and then lose it because we got overconfident, and the other team used that against us," Jaime Muskin, sophomore, said.

Despite encountering many ups and downs throughout the year, the team came out winners as they set two new school records; best setting percentage (95.6%) and best spiking percentage (84.1%).

TAKE THIS

Reaching new heights, Kim Schmitz, junior, spikes the ball over the net during warm-ups at Sectionals. Schmitz went on to break a school record with 47 spikes in one season.



MOMENT OF TRUTH

Varsity
19-9

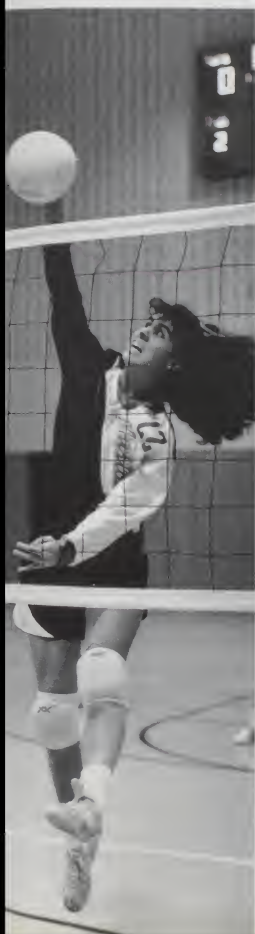
14-16, 15-7, 15-6	Hanover Central
15-2, 15-7	Morton
15-5, 15-6	Hobart
15-2, 15-5	Hammond High
11-15, 8-15	Valparaiso
15-11, 9-15, 12-15	ishop Noll
15-11, 15-6	E.C. Central
15-5, 15-9	Whiting
15-3, 15-8	Merrillville
11-15, 17-19	Crown Point
15-7, 6-15, 15-7	Griffith
15-11, 15-7	Lowell
15-10, 15-12	Highland
13-15, 8-15	Mishawaka
15-0, 15-8	Calumet
15-5, 15-0	Andean
15-4, 4-15, 15-3	Lake Central

Tournaments

Chesterton Tourney	
15-4, 15-10	Clark
15-4, 15-10	Portage
4-15, 7-15	Chesterton
Lafayette Jeff Tourney	
6-15, 5-15	Clunton Prairie
5-15, 15-6, 15-13	Kokomo
15-8, 15-16	New Castle
15-4, 15-6	Merrillville
Merrillville Tourney	
13-15, 11-15	Ft. Wayne Wayne
11-15, 2-15	Penn

Sectionals

15-5, 13-15, 15-4	Lake Central
14-16, 11-15	Crown Point



PEP TALK

During the three-minute break between games, Coach Carmi Thornton explains game strategies

to improve in the second game. Time-outs let the players take a quick water break and listen to the coach's advice.



GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL: (front row) Kristin Krupinski, Natalie Folta, Amy Sobolewski, Debbie Brom, Dana Kender, Julie Pearson. (back row) Coach Carmi Thornton, Becky Moore, Mindy Miller, Kim Schmitz, Lisa Hernandez, Jamie Muskin, Amy Brown.



JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL: (front row) Heather Rutz, Patty Flemingway, Mary Petrovich, Susie Boyle, Jeanine Baciu, Christina Mead. (back row) Coach Chuck Schallhorn, Jackie Nebelsiek, Laura Andreshak, Michelle Crepeau, Carrie Kinnis, Amy Hansen, Kristina Hardy.



FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL: (front row) Kristin Fisher, Natalie Forburger, Amy Bohling, Sara Blackie, Kelly Heany, Yvette Castor. (back row) Coach Don Fortner, Heidi May, Amy Folta, Nicole Bartok, Lorrie Fowler, Julie Jacob, Dara Kraay, Coach Janet Nottoli.

SKY HIGH

The sky's the limit as Mindy Miller, senior, spikes the ball over the defender's attempted block. Miller received special recognition by gaining First Team All Conference honors, along with Kim Schmitz, junior.

Junior Varsity 19-8

15-2, 15-3	Morton
15-9, 15-1	Hanover Central
15-5, 15-9	Hobart
15-0, 15-5	Hammond High
10-15, 7-15	Valparaiso
10-15, 14-16	Bishop Noll
15-7, 15-11	EC Central
15-8, 15-5	Whiting
15-1, 15-2	Merrillville
15-3, 15-13	Highland
15-6, 15-12	Crown Point
15-3, 15-9	Griffith
15-5, 15-4	Calumet
9-15, 15-6, 15-7	Lowell
15-7, 15-4	Andrean
13-15, 5-15	Lake Central

Tournaments

15-13, 5-15, 9-15	MC Rogers
13-15, 15-10, 15-1	Andrean
10-15, 15-7, 15-5	Highland
7-15, 7-15	MC Rogers
Michigan City Rogers	Tourney
7-15, 7-15	MC Rogers
11-15, 15-10, 10-15	Warsaw
15-3, 13-15, 15-10	Elkart Central
10-15, 13-15	Ft. Wayne
	Northrup

JV Tourney

15-1, 15-0	Calumet
18-16, 15-12	Lake Central
Championship	
15-7, 15-5	Crown Point

Freshmen 8-12

12-15, 2-15	Lake Central
15-2, 15-7	Merrillville
15-12, 16-14	Hammond Clark
11-15, 3-15	Valparaiso
15-1, 15-8	Hammond High
15-8, 9-15, 11-15	Hammond Clark
6-15, 15-11, 13-15	Bishop Noll
14-16, 11-15	Highland
12-15, 13-15	Portage
15-10, 15-11	Bishop Noll
9-15, 15-4, 16-14	Crown Point

Tournaments

Valparaiso	
15-8, 15-3	Merrillville
12-15, 15-8, 15-4	Portage
15-13, 12-15, 12-15	Valparaiso
15-12, 12-15, 8-15	Andrean
7-15, 15-4, 11-15	Lowell
7-15, 13-15	Lake Central
10-15, 15-7, 15-10	Highland

MOMENT OF GLORY

**Beat Lake Central for
the first time in
Sectionals since 1978**

TEACHING FOR STATE

Lady Seahorses swim their way to Indianapolis finals

Just as the student entered the classroom facing his Trigonometry final, the Girls' Swimming Team began their season, uncertain as to what lay ahead.

Lack of experience cost the girls early meet victories, according to Coach Paula Malinski, physical education teacher. "We had a much younger team this year," Coach Malinski said. "Even with our inexperience, the girls matured quickly."

Immaturity may have affected the team early on, but after winning three consecutive meets, the team gained confidence and valuable training. "The team had to overcome our beginning losses," Nickie Lee, junior, said. "After we did that, our pride and confidence shot up."

Although the team lost to Crown Point by only four points, 91-95, they compensated for it when they defeated them in the Highland Invitational. "The win over Crown Point really boosted the team's morale because we knew we should have beaten them earlier," Coach Malinski said.

By the time the Lake Suburban Conference Meet rolled around, the Girls' Swimming Team had brought the newcomers up to par. After the meet ended and the points totaled, the team finished in fourth place. "I was a little disappointed with our performance," captain Kathy Behling, senior, said. "But, I think that motivated us to practice harder and do better in our next meet."

As the season wound down, the team not only gained experience but also team spirit. "At Conference I thought we had a let down, but by Sectionals everyone pulled together," Behling said.

Pulling together for Sectionals, the Lady Seahorses went into the meet looking to capture second place. The team finished second and swam extremely well, according to Lee. "We did a lot better and scored more points than we thought we would. Everyone swam great," Lee said.

Two relay teams, the 200 Medley Relay and 200 Free Relay, qualified for State in Indianapolis. Also qualifying in individual events were Amy Boyle, freshman, in the 100 Breaststroke, Amy Gust, junior, in the 50 Free, and Sara Rodenburg, junior, in the 500 Free. "It was a big accomplishment to swim at state," Joens said. "My hard work during the season really paid off."

Looking back on the year the team's season spoke for itself. "Considering how we looked in August, we came a long way," Coach Malinski said. "They performed well all season and have a lot to be proud of."

With the season over and the uncertainty cleared up, the girls not only had a winning season but also learned to overcome adversity.

LET'S GO
Before the sectional meet, the Girls' Swim Team chants the team cheers to psyche each other up. Before each showdown, the team got their adrenaline pumping with displays of team spirit.

MOMENT OF TRUTH

VARSITY

138-47	11-5
83-103	Bishop Noll
575-818	Lake Central
12-0, 97-76	Munster Invite
117-61	Calumet/Griffith
91-95	East Chicago Central
100-86	Crown Point
102-81	Laporte
96-90	Highland
54-132	Valparaiso
5th	Highland Invite
113-72	Rensselaer Central
4th	Conference Meet
109-76	Merrillville
75-111	Elkhart Central
65-28	Hammond High
76-16	EC Central
76-110	Chesterton
2nd	Sectionals





ALMOST DONE

With only three laps to go, Jeanne Michalak, senior, gasps for air during the 20 length 500-yard Freestyle race. Because endurance played a big role in the meets, the girls practiced every day after school as well as three days a week before school.



HEADS UP

After finishing the 100-yard Breaststroke during the sectional meet, Amy Boyle, freshman, looks toward the kymoscope to see her finishing time. Boyle finished first in the event and qualified for State.

PERFECT 10

Aiming for a perfect dive, Carrie Hanas, sophomore, concentrates on her form at the Highland meet. The Lady Seahorses defeated Highland 102-81 to improve their conference record to 3-2.



GIRLS' SWIMMING: (front row) Nickie Lee, Gar Park, Megan Beckman, Katie Erickson, Kristen Weber, Leslie Thomas. (second row) Amy Boyle, Tracy Gomez, Julie Brickman, Karen Edington, Kristine Loprich, Tracy Fant, Kim Johnston, Amy Brietzke. (third row) Holli McCormick, Becky Keith, Sara Rodenburg, Tamara Alie, Jessica Joens, Kathleen Behling, Jessica McHie, Carolyn Desch, Mari Mask, Brandi Aichen. (fourth row) Stephanie Blacke, Amy Gust, Jeanne Michalak, Ruth Pursel, Jill Prister, Kristi Amdahl, Meghan Woodrick, Miss Paula Malinski. (back row) Kitty Barrow, Carrie Hanas, Regan Rokita, Candy Smith, Maria Sakoutis, Julie Dunn, Samantha Long, Robin Harwood.

MOMENT OF GLORY

Seven swimmers qualify for State

Four sectional champions

At Sectionals, 22 girls swim best times

Six earn Second Team All Conference

EYE ON THE BALL

After the toss, Mary Petrovich, sophomore, concentrates on perfecting her serve at open gym. Students, as well as younger kids and alumni, took advantage of the facilities in the fieldhouse on Monday nights.



BOMBS AWAY

With a jump shot, senior Bill McCullough launches a three-pointer over senior Greg Hobby's outstretched arm during a Biddy Ball game. Biddy Ball let students compete in a more relaxed atmosphere than high-school sports.



BASELINE DRIVE

Driving past opposing defenders Greg Hobby, senior, looks to score two points during a Biddy Ball game on a Sunday afternoon. Biddy Ball provided students with a physical form of competition on the weekends.

AIM HIGH

Going up for the rebound, Erik Fleischman, junior, attempts to gain control of the ball after a shot. Playing Biddy Ball gave students with athletic talent another outlet for their energy.

With a jump start on free time, competitive students shoot for fun, games and

ATHLETIC ACTION



Dodging defenders as the player runs toward the goal line, he dives into the end zone for the winning touchdown. The winning team begins their joyous celebration of their victory as the defeated opponents sulk quietly and pout over their loss.

Though typical of a championship game, the above scene also occurred in backyard. Competitive teens challenged each other as friendly games became intense contests.



While some played to win, others played just to avoid boredom. "I played football with my friends because Channel 32 cut 'Tom and Jerry' at 4 p.m. and I had nothing else to do," Chris Hanas, senior, said.

Supplying another outdoor opportunity for competitors, the Wicker Park sandpits provided a court for casual beach volleyball games. "We (the volleyball team) went to Wicker Park at the beginning of the year

to give us a fun day off that was still good exercise," Jeanine Baciu, sophomore, said.

Open gym, held every Monday night, allowed students to use the fieldhouse and its facilities. While many students played basketball with their friends, others focused on improving their athletic skills. "I went to open gym and played volleyball to stay in shape and get better for next season," Amy Brown, junior, said.

Students looked to out-of-school programs to find athletic competition. "Biddy Ball began for kids who didn't make the basketball team," Mike Mendoza, junior, said. "Then, anybody who wanted to play could. It gave the kids the chance to play competitive team basketball."

Community leagues also attracted students looking for competitive sports without high-school pressure. "I played soccer because I wanted to have fun and also stay in shape," Monica Alcalá, senior, said.

Competition allowed every student to bask in a glorious win or a heartbreaking defeat. When game time rolled around, friends became foes as the intense rivalry escalated and the quest for victory began.

EYES ON THE ACTION



In anticipation of an outcome in their favor, the Pacers tentatively watch their teammates on the court. After the regular season, the eight Biddy Ball teams held a championship tournament, which the Jazz won by defeating the Hornets in the final game.



PUSH FOR STATE

While competing in the Lake Suburban Conference meet, John

Burkey, junior, pushes himself towards a finish in the 200-yard individual medley (IM).

MOMENT OF GLORY

Team captures both Conference and Sectional titles

Six swimmers earned First Team All Conference honors

Team finished seventh at the state meet



BOYS' SWIMMING. (front row) Davin Loh, Joe Weber, John LaHa, Dan Gambetta, Tim Spomar, Elliot Santner, Eric Ribble, Jason Doherty, Mark Hinshaw. (second row) Ian Tan, Chris Palazzolo, Kavin Boonyapreddee, Chuck Schultz, Chris Willhite, Chris Wojtowich, Brent Gust, Nate Kras (manager), Peter Economou. (third row) Dave Depa, John Kim, Ron Magliola, Maytee Boonyapreddee, Sea Chen, Eric Slazyk, Omar Porras, Cosmin Dobrescu, Aaron Dumaresq, Kevin Kaiser, Tony Darrington, George Saliga. (fourth row) Matt Fulk, Troy Smith, Andy Baker, Dave Scott, Phil Mlynarski, Jeff Mikus, Mazen Alie, Rick Urban, Asst. Coach Eric Tester, Asst. Coach Larry Page. (back row) Pedro Gutierrez, Ralph Konkoly, Mark Krist, Geoff Erakovich, Randy Fehring, Mike Stennis, Craig Kobe, John Burkey, Head Coach Jon Jepsen, Diving Coach Charles Chelich.





EACHING FOR STATE

Burkey repeats as 200 IM champ;
team snares seventh in state

As the swimmers step up onto the starting blocks, thoughts of the upcoming race fill their minds. A bigger thought also looms in their heads: upholding tradition.

Victories year after year upheld the Seahorses' winning tradition. Coming into the season hoping to extend the 104 dual meet winning streak that began in 1985, the Boys' Swimming Team focused on completing yet another chapter in the record book.

The team lost their first dual meet to Valparaiso, ending the streak at seven consecutive unbeaten seasons. "Valpo was well prepared and we were still a young team," co-captain Mark Krist, senior, said.

Over the next twelve dual meets, the team collected ten wins, one tie, and one loss and ended the regular season with a six-meet win streak.

The team then won the Lake Suburban Conference (LSC) Meet, beating

runner-up Lake Central by 49 points. "It felt good to beat LC," co-captain Randy Fehring, senior, said. "It showed how much we improved since the beginning of the year."

After placing six swimmers on First Team All Conference, the team scored a 397-point meet high to win the Sectionals and qualified for seven events at the state meet.

At State, the team ended up placing seventh. "Placing seventh at State wasn't disappointing," Krist said. "Everyone swam his best time."

During state competition, Burkey defended his state title in the 200 IM. "It was tough to repeat," he said. "All the hard work paid off."

With their third consecutive conference title, taking seventh at State and finishing their season 10-2-1, the team finished another chapter of winning tradition in the Seahorse record book.

MOMENT OF TRUTH

Swimming 10-2-1

86-100	Valparaiso
116-69	West Lafayette
135-50	Griffith
91.5-91.5	Lake Central
3rd	Munster Relays
109-77	Portage
134-52	Merrillville
2nd	Highland Invitational
84-102	South Bend Riley
107-76	Highland
135-45	Bishop Noll
122-63	Hammond Gavit
104.5-81.5	Crown Point
128-57	Calumet
1st	LSC Meet
110-76	Chesterton
1st	Sectional
7th	State Meet

UP FOR AIR

Gasping for air during the 100-yard butterfly, Mike Stennis, junior, strives for a victory in the (LSC) meet. Stennis also broke a pool and LSC record in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 54.47.

HAIR RAISING

By the poolside, the Seahorses and Coach Jon Jepsen urge on teammates at Sectionals. The team carried on the tradition of sporting their individual haircuts for post-season competition.



OVERTIME

After nailing a desperate pull-up jumper, Jeff Bendis, junior, receives congratulations from Ian Baggett, junior, on his game-tying shot in Sectionals against Highland. Bendis's shot with two seconds left sent the game into overtime, where Munster lost 50-58.



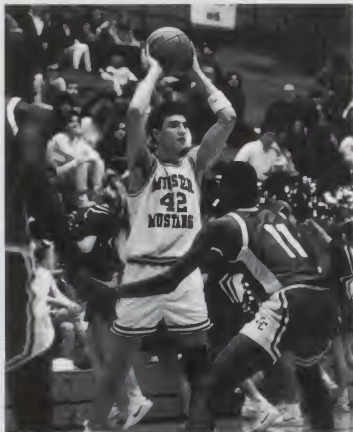
IN CHARGE

To make sure the offense runs smoothly, Coach Dave Knish, special education teacher, calls the play from the sidelines. Knish played the role of coach, motivator and teacher during the season.



LOOKING TO DISH

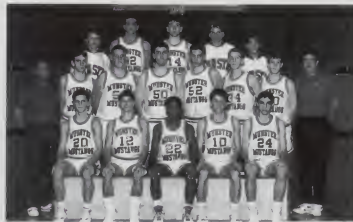
With an open eye, Mark Pietraszak, senior, waits for the play to develop against EC Central. The Mustangs dropped the game to the Cardinals, then ranked 14th in the state, 88-46.



MOMENT OF GLORY

Tom Kirsch and Steve Krol earned Honorable Mention All Conference

Mark Pietraszak had a double double against Griffith with 21 points and 11 rebounds



BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL: (front row) Jeff Bendis, Dan Pavelka, Mark Palmer, Ian Baggett, Steve Krol, (second row) Coach Ross Haller, Jon Czaplak, Ryan McCormick, Dave Brown, Brian Prisby, Bob Barber, Tom Kirsch, Coach Dave Knish. (third row) Chester Coffin, Mark Pietraszak, Jim Brennan, Mike Rawlings, Kris Nowak.





RASH LANDING

Boys fall in sectional overtime

The Mustangs were the best two-win team in the state, Mike Farkas, WJOB radio sports broadcaster, announced over the air during the game against Morton.

Even though the Mustangs went on to lose to the Governors that night, 59-65, and extended their losing streak to 14, the players knew even before the season began that they were in for a rough year.

At the beginning of the season, the players looked at the schedule and realized they would face, in their 21 games, four defending Regional champions. "We knew we were a young team, and that maybe we didn't match up too well talent-wise," co-captain Tom Kirsch, senior, said. "But that didn't keep us from suiting up for every game."

With their tallest player checking in at 6'4", the Mustangs found that their adversaries often dominated the boards. "We lacked in height against every opposing team," co-captain Mark Pietraszak, senior, said. "We lost a lot of second-chance shots because we couldn't get any offensive rebounds."

With practice starting early in November, the Mustangs set their season goals before the games began. "We wanted to be competitive with other teams," Coach Dave Knish, special education teacher, said. "If

you looked at most of our opponents' talent, you'd be overwhelmed."

The team started their season with a win over Whiting. "We made up for our lack of experience with intensity," Pietraszak said.

"(Junior Steve) Krol's 24 points really helped offensively and the team played great defense."

The Mustangs then dropped their next two games before capturing their second victory, and their last one of the season, against Hammond Clark. "We played our game and played good defense," Coach Knish said. "Our players understood not to give up."

After a 2-2 start, the team encountered difficulties such as poor free throw shooting. They never got back on track and suffered a 17-game losing streak. "There was a lack of intensity and we couldn't shoot, play defense, or do anything for that matter," Kirsch said.

During the team's losing streak, more hard luck hit them with the absence of Coach Knish

because of a death in the family. "A lot of times it was hard to keep focused when Coach was gone," Jeff Bendis, junior, said. "We still tried our best, though."

Comfortable second-half leads slipped away as turnovers and mental mistakes often resulted in losses, which added to the team's frustration as the season progressed. "It was very frustrating because in a lot of our games we would be winning, then blow it at the end, like the Morton game for example," Steve Krol, junior, said.

MOMENT OF

Boys' Varsity Basketball 2-19

49-46	Whiting
30-90	Merrillville
40-52	Hammond
70-56	Clark
53-84	TF South
45-59	Lowell
44-66	Highland
45-78	Chesterton
43-69	Portage
51-61	Lake Station
47-89	Lake Central
41-99	Andreon
54-96	Calumet
66-71	Griffith
46-82	EC Central
64-69	Gavit
38-53	Crown Point
59-65	Morton
45-89	Bishop Noll
23-41	Hobart

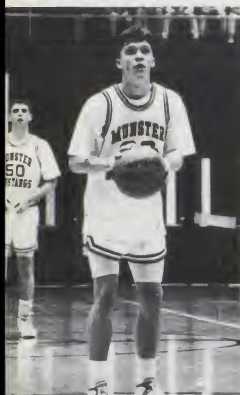
Sectionals	
50-58	Highland

AIR PATROL

Driving into the lane, Tom Kirsch, senior, attempts a finger roll against Morton. Although the ball went in, Kirsch got called for charging since the Morton defender didn't move his feet.

AT THE LINE

In hopes of completing a three-point play, Jeff Bendis, junior, concentrates on his free throw shooting form. Bendis earned the Pride, Hustle and Desire award for his style of play.



Freshman A Team 11-9

42-40 Calumet
51-33 Whiting
46-31 Griffith
47-40 Highland
58-44 Bishop Noll
45-38 Merrillville
55-23 Hammond Morton
41-28 Hobart
51-39 Hammond Gavit
23-32 Portage
20-30 Andean
54-56 TF South
63-41 Hammond Clark
45-60 Lake Central
30-34 Lowell
36-44 Hammond High
55-27 Crown Point
45-71 EC Central
45-50 Highland
41-48 Lake Central

Freshman B Team 5-5

40-25 Griffith
46-47 Highland
28-34 Merrillville
36-40 Hobart
40-35 Portage
27-53 Andean
46-47 TF South
59-50 Lake Central
46-23 Lowell
47-38 Crown Point

TAKING OFF

Taking off from the baseline, Ian Baggett, junior, attempts a layup against Chesterton. Coming off the bench, Baggett provided a scoring punch from inside as well as from three-point range.



JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL: (front row) Dan Tabson, Eric Olson, Jim Brennan, Harry Kunelis, Matt Mybeck, (second row) Ian Baggett, Keith Papendick, Brian Pinsky, Jason Vogt, John Dunn, Coach Lindsay Simmons, (third row) Chris Tomes, Ryan Kutarsky, Chris Maurer, Jim LeVan.



FRESHMAN BASKETBALL: (front row) Rod Bosovich, Matt Bochnowski, Jim Pavano, Josh Laber, Tony Bazzano, Jeff Kobe, (second row) Coach Jack Yerkes, Mikish Pary, Jason Mahdams, Doug Rathert, Brian Kucinski, (third row) John Nelson, Keith Thomas, Rich Mendoza, Jeff Dumakowski, Adam Dausch, Josh Van Veen.

STRETCHED OUT

Attempting to get the ball to a teammate, Mark Pietraszak, senior, jumps up for the opening tip against Chesterton. Although Pietraszak won the tip, the Mustangs ended up losing 73-45.



RASH LANDING

Boys' Basketball continued

Heading into Sectionals, the team's losing streak continued, but the Mustangs drew a first round bye, thus letting the team advance into the second round against the Highland Trojans. "The team was excited when we got the draw, but when we found out we were playing Highland we got serious," Dave Brown, junior, said.

The Mustangs led for most of the game, but the Trojans kept the game close. "They (Highland) beat us pretty bad (22 points) earlier in the season, so our players were a little more fired up during the sectional game," Coach Knish said. "We wanted revenge."

The Munster-Highland rivalry provided more incentive for intense competition. "Both teams came out of the locker rooms with their 'game-faces' on," Pietraszak said. "And if pre-game speeches weren't enough to pump you up, our huge

GOSTANGS With their hands in the air, the Mustang fans encourage a player on the free-throw line at Sectionals. The largest fan turnout of the season, the sectional crowd helped boost the team into overtime against Highland.

cheer block exploded every time we did something, anything, right."

The Trojans took the lead late in the game, and the Mustangs battled back. Bendis grabbed a rebound and dribbled the length of the court to nail a 15-foot jumper, tying the game at 50-50 and sending it into overtime. "When I grabbed the rebound I knew we were down by two, but the problem was I just didn't know when the buzzer was going to go off," Bendis said. "Luckily, I got close enough where I could find my range and make the shot."

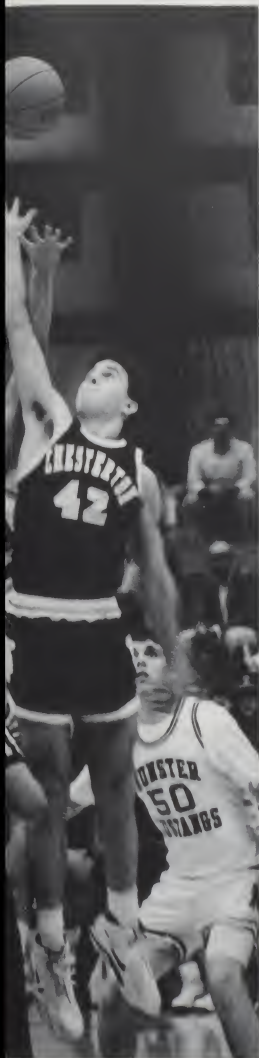
In overtime the Mustangs lost to the eventual sectional champion Trojans, 58-50. "Mike Rybicki (Highland senior) hit a three-pointer in the beginning of overtime and that really broke our momentum," Pietraszak said. "We had to play catch-up for the rest of the overtime."

With a tough schedule, an inexperienced team, internal problems, and a lack of talent and height, maybe the Mustangs were the best two-win team in the state.

MOMENT OF TRUTH

Junior Varsity Basketball
7-13

35-36	Whiting
12-43	Merrillville
46-45	Hammond High
45-30	Clark
43-44	TF South
27-42	Lowell
46-33	Highland
26-44	Chesterton
17-38	Portage
35-32	Lake Station
30-50	Lake Central
41-62	Andean
42-61	Calumet
61-48	Griffith
37-60	EC Central
39-32	Gavit
31-49	Crown Point
46-25	Morton
33-45	Bishop Noll
54-59	Hobart



AUGHT OFF GUARD

Girls fall in sectional championship

After setting short and long-range goals, the Girls' Varsity Basketball Team bounced out of the season with a 14-7 overall record and a 4-2 record in the Lake Suburban Conference. Experience and winning streaks contributed to the team's success and led them to a winning season.

Pre-season strengthening for the Lady Mustangs began in October with jump ropes, sprints and trips to the weight room. Conditioning continued with open gym on Monday nights. "Going to open gym helped me with the fundamentals of the game and also I could practice my shots," Rachelle Pestikas, junior, said.

Before the season began, the team knew what was expected of them to have a successful season. "We started the season out strong, and we knew Crown Point and Lake Central were the key teams to beat," Lisa Hernandez, junior, said.

Setting pre-season expectations gave the team incentives to work toward. "Two goals the team set were getting third in Conference and having a better record," Kim Schmitz, junior, said. "We accomplished both."

Before games, the team would decide on certain goals to meet. Every five games they would set new goals, like rebounds and assists, or just adjust goals from previous games. "The individual goals gave us incentives to do better in games and we felt like we accomplished something when we made the goal," Becky Moore, junior, said.

Even though tryout numbers held consid-

erably, the lack of girls didn't affect the team's season. "We were comparable to other teams in height so it really didn't hurt us," Coach Laurie Hamilton, middle school teacher, said.

Underclassmen outnumbered seniors 7-2, and the two seniors had many responsibilities and many pressures to uphold. "We

had to encourage teammates, show leadership, keep the team up and the momentum going," co-captain Julie Pearson, senior, said. "The team had trouble communicating and we tried to get them to work together."

Marching into Sectionals after a five-game winning streak, the team felt prepared for the upcoming games. "We had the best draw we could've had, plus we just came out of a five-game winning streak," Coach Hamilton said.

Knowing just what they needed to do, the girls prepared themselves both mentally and physically for the upcoming competition. "We knew that in order to win we had to pick up our concentration and

intensity and have everyone contribute every game," Hernandez said.

Fine-tuning minor flaws in practice the week before Sectionals helped the team prepare for the tournament. "We adjusted

MOMENT OF TRUTH

Girls' Varsity Basketball
14-7

77-21	Merrillville
59-25	Hammond Clark
39-41	Whiting
61-67	Lew Wallace
61-53	Kankakee Valley
47-42	Lowell
44-53	EC Central
32-56	Crown Point
65-32	Gavit
49-28	Griffith
48-47	Hanover Central
37-60	Lake Central
68-42	Highland
43-29	Hobart
47-54	Hammond High
52-46	Bishop Noll
66-31	Hammond Morton
65-24	Calumet

Sectionals	
45-28	Griffith
48-41	Highland
42-83	Lake Central



CHECK IT OUT

Before the start of the game, Coach Laurie Hamilton, middle school teacher, gives the team her final words of advice. Pre-game advice and strategies paid off as the Girls' Basketball Team met their season goals.

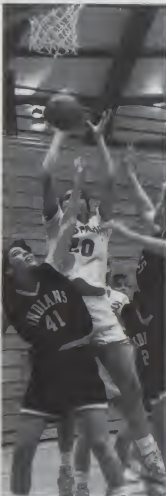


IN POSITION

While guarding her Hobart opponent, Jamie Muskin, sophomore, plays the zone defense. Although only a sophomore, Muskin started on the varsity team.

SKY IS THE LIMIT

In an attempt to make a basket, Lisa Hernandez, junior, uses her vertical jump to her advantage. Jumping rope during the pre-season helped the girls improve their jumping abilities.



DODGE DEFENSE

While looking for a teammate to pass to, co-captain Julie Pearson, senior, protects the ball from Lake Central's Julie Miller. As co-captain, Pearson had many responsibilities such as organizing and keeping the team together.



GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL: (front row) Christina Kunelis, Julie Pearson, Amy Piniak, Rachelle Pestikas, Barb Brennan, (back row) Coach Laurie Hamilton, Becky Moore, Lisa Hernandez, Kim Schmitz, Jamie Muskin, Jackie Nebelsiek.

MOMENT OF

**Lisa Hernandez
earns First Team All
Conference honors**

**Team reaches final
Sectional game only
to lose to the confer-
ence champions
Lake Central**

AIM HIGH

After picking up her dribble, co-captain Amy Finiak, senior, pivots and takes the shot. The team went on to beat Hobart 43-29 in a home game which boosted their record to 9-5.



JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL: (front row) Jody Johnson, Christina Kunelis, Barb Brennan, Colette Keslin, Brigitte Campbell. (back row) Coach Beth Naulty, Sara Blacke, Amy Folta, Gina Bovara, Jenn White, Jackie Nebelsiek.



FRESHMAN BASKETBALL: (front row) Julie Blackstone, Angela Bertagnolli, Natalie Forburger, Carolyn Sarnecki, Brandi Cowgill. (back row) Coach Carmi Thornton, Julie Jacob, Denice Hough, Georgette Kouras, Jen Nellans, Donna Hough, Natalie Martich.



SHOOT FOR TWO

Flying through the air, Lisa Hernandez, junior, skies over her Griffith rival. Hernandez accumulated 15.4 points per game, acquired a 56.8 field goal percentage, and was also named First Team All Conference.





AUGHT OFF GUARD

Girls' Basketball Continued

our offense and concentrated more on our defense," Coach Hamilton said.

As the team progressed through post-season play after beating Griffith and Highland, they advanced to the final Sectional game against Lake Central, where they lost 83-42. "We were excited to make it this far in Sectionals, but we knew it would be a very tough game against LC," Pestikas said.

Tough practices on weekdays, Saturdays and vacation days paid off when three members received All Conference titles. "When coach told me, I was surprised at being named to First Team All Conference be-

BLOCK IT OUT

Muscling past her Hobart opponent for the rebound, Jamie Muskin, sophomore, fights for inside position. Daily block out drills in practice allowed the team to uphold an average of 32.5 rebounds per game.

cause I was up against such tough competition," Hernandez said. "It's also quite an honor to our school to have a member on each All Conference Team."

Even though the team did not achieve a Sectional win, they seemed confident that all of their hard work paid off when they succeeded in capturing their goal of attaining third place in Conference.

Accomplishing all of the goals the team set out to meet, they finished with a 14-7 record and placed three members on the All Conference Teams. Showing perseverance and determination, the Girls' Basketball team carried out a successful season and realized their objectives.

MOMENT OF

Junior Varsity Basketball

4-14

- 19-25 Merrillville
- 25-27 Clark
- 17-22 Whiting
- 30-31 Lew Wallace
- 20-37 Kankakee Valley
- 34-32 Lowell
- 16-35 EC Central
- 3-45 Crown Point
- 28-24 Gavitt
- 22-13 Griffith
- 32-35 Hanover Central
- 25-38 Lake Central
- 30-32 Highland
- 27-33 Hobart
- 24-37 Hammond High
- 22-31 Bishop Noll
- 27-33 Morton
- 39-7 Calumet

HANDS UP

In order to block her opponent's shot, Rachelle Pestikas, junior, tries to deflect the ball. Leadership and communication were key components for a winning season.



INTENSE DEFENSE

Playing the point on the Mustang's press, Kim Schmitz, junior, tries to prevent the pass from her opponent. The Lady Mustangs used a number of different defenses in an attempt to confuse the offense.

TRAINING FOR SUCCESS

Wrestlers set standards high and send four to Semi-state

Starting out the season with extreme uncertainty, the Varsity Wrestling Team did not know what to expect due to lack of experience. Head Coach Charles Emlund combatted this problem by making use of hard pre-season practices.

During these pre-season practices, the coaches believed if the Mustangs worked hard enough on their technique, the team would have a successful season. "The raw talent was there," Assistant Coach Kent Lewis, business teacher, said. "But we as coaches need to shape their talent."

Competition began for the Mustangs with the Munster Triple Dual Meet, where they placed first. "The wins at the beginning of the season really gave the team a good attitude," CJ Compton, sophomore, said. "It showed that our work paid off and it also kept us practicing on the same intensity level."

After the first meet, the team hit a bump

on their road to success and lost seven out of the next twelve meets, but they got back on track by winning their next eight meets.

At the Sectional meet, five Mustangs including Lopez, Compton, Myers and co-captains Jeff Sheets and Chris Deiderich, juniors, captured sectional titles. "This was my third Sectional Championship and it was just as sweet as my first one," Lopez said.

After conquering Sectionals, the Mustangs turned their focus to the Calumet Regional, where the team placed fourth.

Although no Mustangs qualified for the state meet, the team expressed a great feeling of accomplishment at the end of the season, according to Coach Emlund.

MOMENT OF TRUTH

Wrestling
16-9

27-35 Lake Central

30-39 Lowell

18-49 Calumet

42-30 Highland

28-38 Griffith

21-49 Crown Point

1st Munster Triple

2nd Highland Quad

2nd Calumet Invite

1st Hammond Invite

4th Conference

2nd Sectionals

4th Regionals

TOTAL REVERSAL

In an attempt to break his Griffith opponent's hold Mark Meyers, sophomore, goes for a reversal during the Lake Suburban Conference Meet. Meyers went on to win the Sectional Championship.



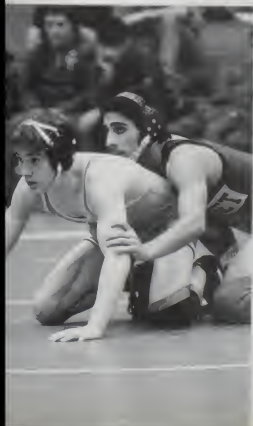


UP AND OVER

Using a double-leg take down against his Lew Wallace opponent Mark Lopez, senior, attempts a fireman's carry to earn two points for a takedown. Lopez earned a 33-1 overall record and went on to capture his third Sectional and second Regional Championship.

STARE DOWN

Intensely looking on, Coach Kent Lewis, business teacher, and Coach Charles Emlund examine their wrestlers' techniques. Since Coach Emlund took over as a coach of the wrestling program two years ago, the teams have qualified 13 members for Regionals.



BOYS' VARSITY WRESTLING: (front row) Rob Long, Steve Nairn, Greg Maurer, Ryan Boilek, Paul Nelson. (second row) Robin Harwood, Jeff Sheets, Chris Diederich, Mark Lopez, Jason Gardner, Beth Chansler. (back row) Assistant Coach Kent Lewis, Doug White, Jeremie Brackett, Mark Gralewski, C.J. Compton, Steve Zimmerman, Matt Kalwasinski, Head Coach Charles Emlund

MOMENT OF GLORY

Mark Lopez captures third Sectional and second Regional championship

Five Mustangs qualify for Regionals

GET A GRIP

While anticipating the whistle to continue the match Jason Gardner, junior, starts in the

referee's position. Gardner qualified for regional competition but lost in the first round.

GATHER ROUND

Huddling up after the announcement of the starting line ups, the Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team gathers for a pre-game cheer. Pre-game cheers helped psych up the team before competition.



SAY AHH

With hopes of boosting her energy level, Heather Puterko, freshman, ingests a Vitamin C drop before a track meet. Keeping up with tradition, the Girls' Track Team took the vitamins religiously before every meet.

ON YOUR MARK

At the sound of the starter's gun, senior Geoff Erakovich, sporting the one of the traditional swimming hairstyles, takes off from the starting block to begin his race. The Boys' Swim Team wore mohawks and odd designs shaved into their heads for good luck in post-season meets.





From mohawks to pre-game power meals, superstitious athletes find offbeat rituals

ON THE TARGET



Beyond the paranoia of a black cat crossing the path or the fear of stepping on a crack or walking under a ladder, athletes, scared of messing with their game, followed pre-game rituals religiously to ensure a solid performance.

From eating the same meal to wearing the same clothes, athletes continued with their pre-game customs, which they believed enhanced their playing ability.

Traditional pre-game meals gave athletes an energy boost before competition. "Before every soccer game, I always have Reese's Peanut Butter Cups and a regular Slice," Greg Hobby, senior, said.

Wearing lucky clothes on game day proved popular among athletes. Favorite shirts, shorts and other items provided luck and confidence for superstitious athletes. "I have a pair of batting gloves that I have used for every game for three years now," Mike Jewett, senior, said.

Other baseball superstitions included putting on the left cleat before the right, taking the same number of swings in batting practice, picking up a handful of dirt when in the batter's box, and not stepping on the foul lines, according to Varsity Base-

ball Coach Bob Shinkan, mathematics teacher. "Superstitions are all part of the game," he said. "They make it more fun."

Not only individuals practiced rituals, but entire teams took part in them as well. "As a team we would bring out the Tony the Tiger towel before we swam and had everyone kiss it for good luck," Sara Rodenberg, junior, said.

Traditional rituals served as motivation for teams and intimidation for opponents. "We always walked out of the locker room as a team carrying the wooden seahorse, and if it was an away meet we squirted water from our pool into the competitors' pool," Mark Krist, senior, said.

To psych themselves up and prepare for competitions, many athletes listened to a favorite song to get their adrenaline pumping. "The team would always jam to 'Motown Philly' by Boyz II Men before every tennis match in order to pump us up," Ray Doerner, sophomore, said.

Although foolish to some, rituals and superstitions played a major role in the mentality of athletes. Leading to many victories, team players counted on their rituals as much as their skills.

SNACK TIME



In order to gain extra energy before their Varsity Tennis match, Ray Doerner, sophomore, and Ravi Gupta, junior, chow down on fudge striped cookies. From cookies to pasta, athletes relied on pre-game meals or snacks for that extra edge over their opponents.

WHAT A PITCH

After completing his wind up, co-captain Ivan Hansen, senior,

fires a fastball toward home plate. Hansen finished the season with a 5-2 record and covered the short-stop position when not pitching.



ROLL WITH IT

Bending over to field a grounder, shortstop Ryan Stojkovich, junior, barehands the ball to save time against Lake Central. Stojkovich had two hits to help the Mustangs defeat the Indians 12-0.

BRUSH BACK

Leaning back because of the inside pitch, Craig Szasz, junior, avoids getting hit by the ball. Taking close pitches worked in the Mustangs' favor with the team drawing almost a record amount of walks this season.



MOMENT OF GLORY

**Sean Hayes, junior,
earns First Team All
Conference honors**

**Ivan Hansen, senior,
earns Second Team
All Conference**



VARSITY BASEBALL: (front row) Kent Boomsma, Ryan Stojkovich, Bob Conley, Craig Szasz, Sean Hayes, Jeff Doherty. (back row) Brian Morgan, Tom Kirsch, Bob Bogucki, Mike Jewett, Ivan Hansen, Brian Mendoza, Coach Bob Shinkan.



Fire away

Despite mental blocks, Baseball Team contends for Sectionals

There's one out in the bottom of the first, here at Niksic Field, in the Varsity Baseball Team's season opener. Junior Kent Boomsma steps into the batter's box, attempting to break the scoreless tie between the Mustangs and the Morton Governors.

The Morton pitcher goes into his windup, and here's the pitch. Boomsma swings. It's a line shot to centerfield... it's going... going... gone! Homerun for Boomsma! The Mustangs lead 1-0, yes!!

In their season opener the team went on to score seven more runs; however, the game ended up being called on account of darkness. "We were leading 8-6 when the game was called," Brian Morgan, senior, said. "It would've been great to beat Morton because almost every year we lose the opener to them."

After the opener, the team captured seven victories and one tie out of their next eleven games. The team, however, thought it should have been 8-3-1, according to co-captain Tom Kirsch, senior. "We lost a tough game to Lowell," Kirsch said. "Mentally we just weren't in the game."

This mental attitude posed a problem at the season's start. "At times, we were all business," Craig Szasz, junior, said.

"Other times, though, we just weren't focused on what we should've been doing."

The Mustangs' early season wins resulted from the excellent pitching staff, according to Brian Mendoza, senior. "One of the two

things that was consistent this year was our pitching," Mendoza said.

The other constant for the Mustangs was team batting. "When we were down a couple of runs in the late innings, nobody gave up," co-captain Ivan Hansen, senior, said. "We all had confidence that our hitting would get us back in the ballgame and give us a chance to win."

Throughout the season, the team looked to gain experience for its younger players,

according to Head Coach Bob Shinkan, mathematics teacher. "We needed to get them (first year varsity players) experience," Coach Shinkan said. "We couldn't afford any young mistakes."

The squad returned fivesenior starters, which helped to combat the problem of inexperience, according to Hansen. "Being returning starters, we had to set the example for the younger players," Hansen said.

After the team's 7-4-1 start, things began to take a turn for the worse, according to Kirsch. "We started the season playing well, but we then had a couple of early conference losses and that hurt us for the rest of the season," Kirsch said. "We put ourselves in a hole by the early losses, and from then on we were

always trying to climb out of it."

Over the course of the team's next nine games, the Mustangs' climb from the hole slowed as fielding errors again surfaced. "It seemed like our entire team got rattled after

MOMENT OF

Varsity Baseball

	14-12-1
8-9	Gavit
3-2	Andrean
1-13	Portage
10-5	MC Rogers
13-8	MC Rogers
3-3	Hobart
12-0	River Forest
4-5	Lake Central
7-2	Griffith
15-4	EC Central
5-3	EC Central
3-9	Lowell
2-8	Highland
19-18	Crown Point
10-3	Calumet
12-0	Lake Central
4-5	Gary Roosevelt
7-2	Gary Roosevelt
6-5	Griffith
3-7	Lowell
2-1	Highland
0-6	Crown Point
5-7	Calumet
Mustang	Invitational
4-3	Hammond
4-5	Bishop Noll
4-5	Chesterton
7-8	Merrillville

Fire away

Baseball continued

one guy made a mistake, and then we would just fall apart," Hansen said.

The Mustangs finished up the remaining schedule by dropping seven of their last nine games, with four of the games being decided by one run. "It seemed like when we had good offense, we wouldn't have good defense," Sean Hayes, junior, said. "We just couldn't seem to get them together at the same time."

Going into the latter part of the season, the Mustangs increased both mental attitudes and defensive fielding. "Finally, toward the end of the season, we stopped making a lot of mental errors, and we were also playing exceptional defense," Mike Jewett, senior, said.

By the end of the regular season, the Mustangs had achieved a 14-12-1 record and finally came together as a team, according to Coach Shinkan. "The team actually started to gel toward the end of the season," Coach Shinkan said. "They were finally supporting one another and not getting down if someone did make an error."

With their newfound teammate support, the Mustangs realized that going into the Sectional, the team had improved tremendously and spirited high. "Every team's goal is to be the best they possibly can

when the post-season tournament rolls around," Hansen said. "We believed that we were playing up to our highest potential by the end of the regular season."

The team's performance in the second half of the season motivated them for Sectionals. "We wanted to do really well in the tournament to prove not only to ourselves but to Coach that we were capable of winning the big games," Boomsma said.

As the regular season wound down, the team looked toward the post-season to redeem themselves for their poor second half

performance. "We have a great tradition of being one of the top teams in the region," Kirsch said. "We needed to capture the sectional championship to keep that tradition alive."

The Mustangs hoped to come through to uphold Shinkan's reputation as well. "Shinkan has coached in the Sectional championship ever year since he took over as Head Coach," Kirsch said.

After completing their season with a 14-12-1 record, the team hoped to start the post-season the same way Boomsma started the regular season — with a homerun.

LISTEN UP To prepare his team for battle, Head Coach Bob Shinkan, mathematics teacher, gives a pregame pep talk. Coach Shinkan stressed the importance of mental attitude during the talks.

MOMENT OF TRUTH

JV Baseball
14-8

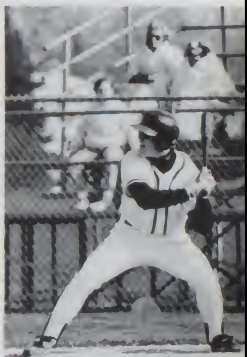
17-3	Clark
8-3	Clark
5-2	Morton
9-1	Andean
2-12	Portage
6-9	Hobart
16-14	Griffith
4-5	Bishop Noll
0-10	Lowell
8-5	Highland
3-5	Crown Point
2-0	EC Central
19-3	Calumet
4-5	Lake Central
2-4	Valparaiso
8-6	Valparaiso
5-2	Griffith
4-3	Lowell
8-5	Highland
14-0	EC Central
9-5	EC Central
3-7	Crown Point





COMING HOME
After barehanding a throw to homeplate catcher, Mike Jewett, senior, attempts to tag out the diving Morton opponent during the Mustangs' season opener. The Mustangs led the Governors 8-6, but due to darkness the game was cancelled.

BATTER UP
Stepping toward the pitcher, co-captain Tom Kirsch, senior, readies to swing at the ball. The Mustangs ended the season with a collective team batting average of over .300.



JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL: (front row) Matt Saltanovitz, Chris Fortin, Matt Kalwasinski, Steve Holka, Troy Smith, Bob Gonzales. (back row) Brian Ross, Jeff O'Connor, CJ Compton, Doug Miller, Ryan Kutarsky, Coach Tom Largus.



FRESHMAN BASEBALL: (front row) Greg Maurer, BJ Palmer, Jared Simonetto, Brent Gust. (second row) Tom Anzur, Jim Pavao, Jeff Alters, Adam Dausch, Jeff Dumakowski. (back row) Coach Hal Coppage, Josh Dorka, Milosh Fujo, Jason Mikolanis, Rich Mendoza, Bo Ryband.

Freshman Baseball 9-5

17-7	Merrillville
5-19	Merrillville
9-1	Calumet
4-14	Griffith
11-2	Highland
12-0	Lowell
4-3	Crown Point
18-3	EC Central
11-1	EC Central
5-6	Lake Central
4-0	Bishop Noll
3-13	Andean
15-14	Lowell
3-10	Lake Central

TRAPPED

Attempting to place the ball on the green, John Cleve, sophomore, blasts out of a sand trap. The Boys' Golf Team practiced at Briar Ridge to improve the team's scores.

FORE

Before the Calumet/Lowell meet, co-captain Steve Sims, senior, tees off at Briar Ridge. Preparing for meets, the team worked on weaknesses to sharpen their games.



MOMENT OF GLORY

Joe Lalich, sophomore, scores season-low 38 at the Highland/Griffith meet



BOYS' GOLF: (front row) Tim Szurgot, Barry Smith, Dan Byrne, Chris Marsh, Aaron Dumaresq, Jason Ugent, Steve Sims. (second row) Chad Bohling, Tony Bazarko, Matt Wittkamp, John Cleve, Mike Zubay, Chris Bailey. (third row) Mr. John Tennant, Eric Ribble, Mark Grabski, Scott Poludniak, Mike Jez, JD Lazar, Coach Ed Musselman. (back row) Mike Sennis, Joe Lalich, Steve Tulowitzki, John Bogucki, Brian Rucinski.

ON THE EDGE

As his putt hangs on the lip of the cup, Matt Wittkamp, junior,

anticipates the ball going in the hole for par. Daily practices helped the team's shooting accuracy as the season progressed.





Sand struck

Boys' Golf Team makes par with 8-11 regular season record

A suspenseful hush falls over the crowd as the golfer lines up his birdie putt. With a gentle tap of the club, the ball slowly rolls toward the cup, but stops just short of the hole. The Boys' Golf Team also came up short of repeating a winning season, finishing the regular season with an 8-11 record.

Honing their golf skills, the team prepared for the year with pre-season warm-ups in mid-March. "We started to prepare for the upcoming season over the summer and throughout the year as individuals," Matt Wittkamp, junior, said. "All we needed was self-motivation. We needed to be ready to start when the season did."

The season opened with a win against Hammond. After a 176-275 victory, the team's confidence and morale rose. "Hammond was not a strong team and they didn't have a strong program," co-captain JD Lazar, senior, said. "We played well that match. We crushed them!"

The team tried to keep their heads high after a 181-160 loss to Portage. Playing on an unfamiliar course, they felt that they got the short end of the stick. "At Portage we were disappointed because it was the first time that we had ever been on that course," Dan Byrne, freshman, said. "As a team we didn't play very well, but our JV beat our varsity."

LINING UP

With a careful eye, co-captain JD Lazar, senior, adjusts his grip before lining up his tee shot. The Mustangs hit the driving range to practice teeing off as well as played the whole course to improve the other aspects of their games.

The Mustangs realized that they worked well together despite their inexperience, and they tried to improve their biggest fault of shooting in the low 40's. "As a team, we strived to overcome our weaknesses through practicing," Chad Bohling, sophomore, said. "By the end of the season, all of us were shooting a lot lower."

Throughout the year, the team kept its incentives in mind as tangible goals helped the team get through the season realistically. "Our primary goal was to enjoy the game and improve our knowledge of golf as the season progressed," Coach Ed Musselman, mathematics teacher, said.

In an effort to fulfill their game plan, the team usually came well prepared to each meet. While trying to beat their opponents, the Mustangs developed different strategies for their games. "We always went into the meets with positive attitudes," Barry Smith, sophomore, said. "It helped keep the game moving and more fun."

Firing up the team's mental attitudes helped to encourage the team to play well. "It was always nice to come out thinking you're going to win," co-captain Steve Sims, senior, said. "But when the team didn't play to their potential, they shouldn't expect anything."

Having perfected his stroke, the golfer swings and the ball sails through

the air and lands in the cup. Overcoming their inexperience with team unity, the Boys' Golf Team sharpened their skills while still meeting their goal of enjoying the game.

MOMENT OF TRUTH

Boys' Golf
8-11

278-176	Hammond
181-160	Portage
170-183	Lowell,
196	Calumet
186-199	Andean
186-176	Lake Central,
251	Calumet
175-260	EC Central
213-193	Lowell,
190	Crown Point
151-162	Lake Central,
173	Griffith
189-188	Chesterton
181-165	Crown Point,
167	Highland
370	LaPorte Invite
183-170	Highland,
211	Griffith
375	Lake Hills Invite
173-171	Bishop Noll
169-190	Gavit

Direct hit

Girls defend Sectional title,
end regular season 12-3

Early in the season with frost still on the grass the Girl's Tennis Team decided that they wanted to go to Semi-state.

With a ranking of 13th in the state at the beginning of the year, The Girls' Tennis team set out to prove that they earned that ranking. "A lot of us played in tournaments all summer long, so we knew we were a strong team," Shoshana Gordon, sophomore, said. "We got such a high ranking by only losing one player."

The girls' first defeat came against then ranked 15th in the state Plymouth 4-1. During the match, the team suffered the loss of their number three singles player, junior co-captain Julie Byrne, to a sprained ankle. "I sprained my ankle reaching for a forehand. My ankle went one way and my leg went the other," Byrne said. "Plymouth is always tough, and they came in strong and beat us."

With the loss the team suffered some internal problems and their ranking dropped to 24. "We also have a lot of problems with competitiveness among the team. Instead of working as a team, we were working alone to beat each other," number one singles Annie Rawlings, sophomore, said. "It caused tension with our doubles team, but everyone soon realized that we were a team and every match was important."

Ending the regular season with a 12-3 record the girls looked ahead to post-season play. "Going into Sectionals, we tried to fine tune our skills and turn it up a notch," Coach Dave Knish, special education teacher, said. "We always had strong performances from our number one and three singles; the only problem was we didn't know where we would get our other points."

For the 16th time in a row the girls won Sectionals by defeating Hammond High in the first round and Bishop Noll in the championship. On their way to Regionals, the

girls were pleased with the outcome of their play. "It's nice to win and it's our first step to Regionals," Byrne said.

In the Regionals the Mustangs suffered a heartbreaking loss to Crown Point 3-2 ending their season. "We wanted to beat them considering they beat us for the conference," Gordon said. "It was almost like a grudge match."

Dealing with the loss of Regionals and competition among teammates, the Girls' Tennis Team fell short of their original goal to advance to Semi-state.

TEAMWORK

As Amy Bohling, freshman, charges the net, her partner Sara Weinberg, senior, looks on during a doubles match against Griffith. With cold weather early in the season, the team resorted to sweatshirts to keep warm.

MOMENT OF

Girls' Tennis
15-4

- 4-1 Chesterton
- 3-2 Portage
- 4-1 Elkhart Central
- 3-2 Highland
- 5-0 Griffith
- 1-4 Plymouth
- 5-0 Lowell
- 3-2 Lake Central
- 4-1 Calumet
- 2-3 Crown Point
- 3-2 Merrillville
- 5-0 Hammond High
- Mustang Invitational
- 4-1 West Lafayette
- 3-2 Bishop Noll
- 2-3 LaPorte

Sectionals

- 5-0 Hammond High
- 3-2 Bishop Noll

Regionals

- 3-2 Lake Central
- 2-3 Crown Point





FOREHAND

With an eye on the ball, Annie Rawlings, sophomore, returns her opponent's serve with power. Rawlings played at the number one singles position.

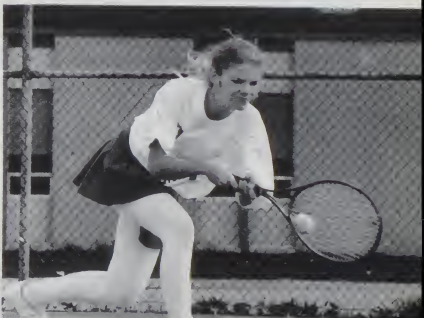


GET A GRIP

While waiting for the serve from her Griffith opponent, co-captain Amanda Fisher, junior, licks her hands for a better grip on her racket. The Mustangs beat Griffith 5-0 and captured second place in the Lake Suburban Conference.

PRESSURE

Chasing a ball deep in the corner, co-captain Julie Byrne, junior, attempts a backhand. Byrne played number three singles but got sidelined by an injury in the middle of the season.



VARSITY TENNIS: (first row) Annie Rawlings, Holly Baran, Jamie Schatz, Monica Rastogi, Jody Johnson, Judy Sun, (second row) Amy Kicho, Minna Koh, Amanda Fisher, Carrie Hanas, Sara Weinberg, Trudy Arcella, (third row) Barb Brennan, Kristin Johnson, Jenny Daugherty, Coach Dave Knish, Lynn Hirsch, Julie Byrne, Shoshana Gordon.

MOMENT OF GLORY

Ranked as high as 13th in the state

Won Sectional championship

Step ahead

Team qualifies in three events for Regional competition

As the third leg of the 1600-meter relay rounds the curve, they are trailing by 50 meters, but the last hand-off goes smoothly and the anchor speeds by the fatigued first-place man to capture first place.

Before the start of the season, each member made his own goals. "When we started, everybody was just trying to get into their own groove, but as the season progressed, everyone started realizing they were a piece in a giant puzzle," co-captain Adam Torreano, senior, said. "Individual runners then became team members not just running for themselves, but for the team also."

Starting out slow but eventually progressing, the Boys' Track Team sprinted into a well-rounded season. "At the beginning of the season, we expected strong performances from the 400-meter dash on up," Head Coach Ed Woodrick, elementary school teacher, said. "We built up to a nice expected peak and soon saw impressive performances out of the sprinters."

Winning important meets gave runners the extra confidence that they needed throughout year. "We worked hard before our meet against Highland because we knew they would be tough to beat," Chris Wojtowich, freshman, said. "Winning gave us the extra boost we needed to continue throughout the season."

Injuries stopped key runners from accomplishing their personal goals, but they also played a major role in the development of a maturing team. "My injuries took me out of the middle part of the season, which was a major disadvantage that made me

lose endurance and speed," Omar Porras, sophomore, said. "When I came back, I was so far behind all of the other runners that catching up was really hard."

Though torrential rains and howling winds had prevented peak performances for most of the season, the team still had a positive outlook on their performances. "For the most part, the weather really prevented us from getting low times and therefore, we were not getting accurate times," co-captain Jim Brennan, junior, said. "But little by little, each runner gained confidence in their abilities and cut down on their times."

As Sectionals approached, practices changed to strengthen the team for the upcoming meet. "We concentrated on speed work and then tapered off once Conference and Sectionals approached," co-captain Ian Baggett, junior, said. "The coaches worked on getting the distance runners' strategies and mindsets going in the right direction."

As they tackled Sectionals, the Mustangs advanced to Regionals in three events. "Our overall performance was good, but we looked slower than we were because our competition was so tough," Donald Carter, freshman, said.

The season officially ended when no one qualified for State.

Overcoming injuries and letdowns, the team improved with unity and morale.

DON'T LOOK BACK

While breaking into the straightaway of the 1600-meter run, Ian Baggett, junior, stays just steps ahead of his opponent. Baggett took second place after a close race against his East Chicago Central opponent.

MOMENT OF TRUTH

Boys' Track

3-4

52-74	Hammond Clark
54-40	Gavit
54-62	Hanover Central
26-60	Crown Point
26-72	Lake Central
69-49	Highland
83-34	Calumet
4th	Andrean Relays
3rd	Mustang Invite
5th	Calumet Invite
3rd	Griffith Relays
5th	Conference
8th	Sectionals





(front row) Ryan Korthauer, Jason Brooks, Don Carter, Adam Torrealano, Tim Piniak, Davin Loh, Sunil Pinnamañeni, Joey Furdek. (second row) Dan Tabion, Sea Chen, Omar Porras, Cosmin Dobrescu, Ron Magliola, Ian Baggett, Jim Brennan, Coach Ed Woodrick. (third row) Coach Aaron Brown, Coach Doug Concialdi, Andy Deren, Eugene Paik, Larry Luna, John Reidelbach, David Ortman, John Burkey. (back row) Eric Slazyk, Ed Dragomer, Greg Glennon, Matt Krol, Mark Gralewski.

MOMENT OF GLORY

Ian Baggett, Brad Brauer, Jeremy Keenan and Jim Brennan qualify for Regionals



CROSS THE LINE

After finishing the last leg of the 400 meter relay, anchor, Adam Torrealano, senior, lunges over the finish line. Practicing exchanges and perfecting exchange zones helped advance the relay to Sectionals.

UP AND AWAY

While competing against six teams in the Mustang Invitational, David Ortman, freshman, uses his muscle power to throw the shotput. Ortman's performance helped the Mustangs capture a third place title.

Keeping up

Six team members advance to the Regional meet

With only a handful of returning runners, the Girls' Track Team set out in search of yet another successful season. The team, mostly comprised of underclassmen, showed possibilities and new talents for the upcoming season.

Practicing in frigid and snowy February weather or in April showers, runners didn't always look forward to running ladders on the track or taking long 'road trips'. "We always began with basic conditioning to get the girls back in the swing of things," Head Coach Dirk Sloan, middle school teacher, said. "I tried to mix up the practices between hard ones and easy ones so the girls got all-around training; we also concentrated on fine-tuning our performances."

Once the track season started, injuries such as pulled muscles, sprained ankles and shin splints seemed a common threat to the success of the young team. "My knee injury put my goals on hold and emotionally stressed me out," Jen Szypczak, sophomore, said. "I practiced over the winter and overused my knee cap. I guess I just worked it too hard."

During the first few meets, runners often put personal goals ahead of teamwork, resulting in a lack of unity. "In the beginning of the year, everyone did her own thing, but then Coach started emphasizing the need for a positive attitude," Kristine Loprich, freshman, said. "Everyone became supportive of each other and encouraged teammates to strive to do better."

Shooting for their eleventh consecutive victory in the Mustang Invitational, the team

suffered a 12-point loss to EC Central and finished second. "I think we did the best we could have, but the competition was better than we had expected," Michelle Crepeau, sophomore, said. "We've won the Invitational in the past few years and we thought it would be easy to win again."

As the Mustangs looked toward Sectionals, new opponents helped the team gain confidence for post-season competition. "We used to compete against a lot of the Gary schools in Sectionals and the competition was fierce," Amy Brown, junior, said. "When Gary moved out of our Sectional, the competition lessened and confidence increased."

After advancing six girls to Regionals, the Lady Mustangs hoped for a chance at State, but came up short as none of the girls qualified for the trip to Indianapolis. "I think we did the best we could do, considering there were only six girls who qualified for Regionals," co-captain Julie Pearson, senior, said. "The cold weather conditions also probably had a negative effect on our performances there."

Although the weather tried to take a toll on the season, it didn't stop the Mustangs from performing the best they could. Even though nobody advanced to State, meeting individual times and team goals left the team with a sense of accomplishment.

AND SHE'S OFF

Flying out of the starting blocks, Melissa Vrabel, junior, hopes for a good head start against her opponents in the 100-meter dash at the Mustang Invitational. Vrabel, the team's number one runner in the 100, was out for half of the season with injuries.

MOMENT OF TRUTH

Girls' Track 2-4

43-75	East Chicago Central
83-35	Hammond Morton
20-55.5	Crown Point
20-73.5	Lake Central
45-73	Highland
105-22	Calumet
5th	Highland Invite
2nd	Mustang Invite
3rd	Calumet Relays
2nd	Griffith Relays
4th	Conference Meet
4th	Frosh/Soph Meet
5th	Sectionals



FLYING HIGH

By arching her back in perfect form over the bar in the high jump event, Laura Andreshak,

sophomore, clears 4' 8" at the Mustang Invitational. The Lady Mustangs captured a second place title at the Invitational, losing only to EC Central by 12 points.



GIRLS' TRACK (front row) Julie Shah, Susie Boyle, Lauren Pelc, Juliann Saiko, Melissa Vrabel, Annie Barrow, Marika Voukidis, Kathy Stassen, Michelle Torreno, Heather Puterko. (second row) Gar Park, Amy Stover, Daria Cullen, Kitty Barrow, Michelle Crepeau, Amy Rasch, Jeanine Baciu, Jessica Joens, Angela Mandel, Coach Vicki Brown. (third row) Coach Dirk Sloan, Meghan Woodrck, Dana Wierzbinski, Kim Schmitz, Julie Pearson, Sara Blacke, Carrie Kinnis, Jennifer Dagenais, Amy Cornelison, Coach Rita Camire. (back row) Mary Petrovich, Jen Szypczak, Helen Mittrakis, Corrie Watterson, Jessica McHie, Amy Brown, Laura Andreshak, Kristine Loprich, Dara Kraay.

MOMENT OF GLORY

**Team advances
six to Regionals**

**Julie Pearson takes
second in shot put
at Sectionals**



FULL STRENGTH

With all of her strength, co-captain Julie Pearson, senior, completes her spin before releasing the discus. Field events made members devote time after regular practices to perfect their specific event.

THROW IN

As he looks for an open player to throw to, Harry Kunelis, sophomore, anticipates the play's development. Kunelis played defense and was a main contributor to the championship team.

SHOOT

Dodging a Bishop Noll defender, Adam Gordon, senior, takes a shot on goal. A three-year varsity player, Gordon scored seven goals during the regular season.



MOMENT OF GLORY

The Bootmen win the conference title

Started the season by winning their first nine games



VARSITY SOCCER: (front row) Bob Hurley, Slobodan Popovich, Mike Fekete, Todd Weaver, Chris Jagadich, Deepak Patil. (second row) Sanjeev Balajee, Brendan Ellis, Mark Palmer, Kevin Ferguson, Brad Caddick, Pete Ronco, Tony Santucci. (third row) Kris Zambo, Tom Keslin, Aaron Preslin, Mark Hinshaw, Jim Whiteley, Coach Jerry Cabrera. (last row) Todd Stalmack, Bill McCullough, Charlie Alcala, Adam Gordon, Greg Hobby, Keith Thomas, Harry Kunelis.





In charge

Bootmen capture 12-2-1 record,
conference championship

Early in March a group of young men gathered in the fieldhouse practicing and showing their stuff in front of a watchful coach. With hard work and determination the soccer team overcame young inexperience and skeptical critics, posting a 12-2-1 regular-season record and capturing the Lake Suburban Conference (LSC) title.

In the beginning of the season, *The Hammond Times* picked Munster to finish third in the conference. "We knew we were a better team than third place," Adam Gordon, senior, said. "Our goal was to win the conference and also the Northern Cup."

With only 7 seniors out of 25 players, they knew experience wouldn't carry them, but their courage. "I knew we were a younger team compared to those in the past, but we also had a bigger heart," Coach Jerry Cabrerra said.

The team started their season with a bang by winning their first nine games. "The key to our great start was defense, especially our goalie, Mike Fekete (sophomore) who had five shut-outs," co-captain Mark Palmer, senior, said. "We may not have had the best talent, but we played the best as a team."

The streak ended when the team tied Lake Central 1-1 in a key conference game. "It was a big emotional letdown not winning our tenth game, something everyone wanted to do," Harry Kunelis, sophomore, said.

Then more hard luck hit the Bootmen when they dropped their next two out of three games to Crown Point and Portage. "Portage maybe deserved to win because

their skill level was better. Their three goals came in the first five minutes of the second half," co-captain Sanjeev Balajee, senior, said. "Against Crown Point, it was the day after Prom and we weren't mentally there."

Ending the regular season, the Bootmen beat Highland 3-1 to win the conference title. "The guys came in mentally tough because we knew this game was for the conference title," Coach Cabrerra said.

Although the Bootmen won the LSC title, they still had to compete in the Conference Tournament to earn a bid in the Northl'n Cup. After receiving a bye in the first round, the team faced Lake Central, the same team that broke their winning streak

earlier in the season. "When we found out we were playing Lake Central, we knew it would be a tough game," Balajee said. "But that didn't stop us from going in with a positive attitude."

After a scoreless second half, the Bootmen prevailed 2-1 to advance to the championship game against Griffith. "The entire team played well in the first half against LC, but in the second we fell apart," Pete Ronco, sophomore, said. "To beat Griffith we must play as a team; if we do that, we could beat anyone."

Through hard work and team unity, the Bootmen left the soccer field with a feeling of pride.

MAN IN CHARGE

With a watchful eye, Coach Jerry Cabrerra manages on the sideline during a night game against Highland. Cabrerra coached the team to 12-2-1 record and a conference championship.

MOMENT OF

Varsity Soccer
12-2-1

- 1-0 South Bend Adams
- 4-1 Gary Lew Wallace
- 8-0 Hammond High
- 3-2 Lake Central
- 1-0 Valparaiso
- 2-0 Crown Point
- 3-0 Chesterton
- 4-1 Griffith
- 2-1 Highland
- 1-1 Lake Central
- 3-1 Bishop Noll
- 2-3 Crown Point
- 4-0 Griffith
- 1-3 Portage
- 2-1 Highland
- Conference Tournament
- 2-1 Lake Central
- Griffith

HEY BATTER

Eying the ball as it crosses over home plate, Melissa Walsh, freshman, swings with full force. The team practiced many techniques, including hitting tennis balls off of tees, to improve their batting averages.

PITCHING IN

As she concentrates on striking out the next batter, Jaime Muskin, sophomore, goes into her wind-up. Muskin and the Lady Mustangs went on to beat Whiting 4-1 for their fifth win of the season.

GET THE SIGNAL

In the fourth inning of a home game against Calumet, Chrisi Mead, sophomore, looks at her third base coach for the signal. When in doubt players looked to their coaches for instructions.



MOMENT OF GLORY

Varsity beats Highland for first time in six years

JV Softball

8-1	TF South
0-10	Lake Central
4-7	Griffith
2-15	Bishop Noll
10-7	Lowell
5-15	Highland
3-13	Morton
10-20	Lake Central
2-14	Griffith
12-2	Lowell
4-10	Highland
13-3	Crown Point

VARSITY SOFTBALL: (front row) Shannon Hamel, Amy Czapia, Nikki Bartok. (second row) Jackie Nebelsiek, Jaime Muskin, Becky Moore, Dana Kender, Amy Muskin. (back row) Coach Barb Johnson, Gina Spalding, Kristin Krupinski, Patty Hemingway, Melissa Walsh, Chrisi Mead.



JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL: (front row) Carolyn Sarnecki, Jennifer Nellane, Jill Pfister, Stephanie Blackie. (second row) Tina Mancari, Colette Keslin, Daphne Noel, Julie Blackstone, Jennifer Biesczat. (back row) Coach Howard Walsh, Stephanie Hamel, Karen Edington, Jenn White, Carrie Wadycki.





Full swing

Varsity Softball Team bunts its way to successful season

After capturing three wins in a row, the Lady Mustangs began with a positive outlook on their season hoping to reach successful goals and strides.

The team opened the season with a great amount of motivation and team spirit and continued to extend winning streaks. "We had a serious and confident team, and to keep our winning streaks going, we cheered each other on and took control," co-captain Kristin Krupinski, junior, said. "Whiting couldn't believe we beat them and how much we had improved from last year."

Running, weight training and certain softball techniques, before and during the season, kept the girls in physical shape. From running continuously around the bases to catching fly balls the whole practice time, players held up the motto "No pain, no gain!" "Coach really pushed us by us running around bases, and once I thought my arm was about to fall off because we practiced our throws the whole entire practice," Becky Moore, junior, said. "And if you couldn't run the mile under eight minutes, you didn't make the team."

After a three-game winning streak, the

team dropped a game to Hammond Gavit 8-12 and then lost by only one run to Highland. During the Highland game, the Mustangs held a 6-0 lead into the fourth inning, but suddenly copied the errors made by Highland during the first three innings and ended up losing 6-7. "That was such a close game," Shannon Hamel, freshman, said. "I thought for sure we had won, but I guess winning got to our heads."

Despite six losses, the girls crushed teams such as East Chicago Central, 25-2 and Calumet, 10-0. "We were proud of ourselves when we beat EC Central," Jamie Muskin, sophomore, said. "It was exciting to see run after run come in; by that time, we knew we had won."

The team relied on each other to keep the morale high. Teamwork included solid defense, quick running, and excellent pitching, according to co-captain Dana Kender, senior. "I've been on the team for four years now and this has been the best team I've seen throughout those years," Kender said. "Since I was the only senior on the team, I felt the team relied on me. When I got

down about a loss, they got down also."

Ending the regular season with a 16-6 record, the team faced Gavit as the first sectional opponent. The team beat the Gladiators 8-7 to advance to the title game against Morton, who handed them a 4-1 loss.

After a successful season, the Lady Mustangs took pride in how far they had gone.

MOMENT OF

Varsity Softball
16-6

3-2	TF South
8-2	Hammond High
25-2	EC Central
8-12	Hammond Gavit
1-2	Lake Central
5-1	Griffith
1-0	Lowell
6-7	Highland
7-2	Crown Point
4-1	Whiting
10-0	Calumet
1-6	Lake Central
7-2	MC Rogers
31-0	MC Marquette
7-5	Griffith
16-10	Lowell
2-1	Highland
0-1	Crown Point
1-6	Merrillville
9-1	Calumet
2-1	Morton
5-4	Andean
	Sectionals
8-7	Gavit
1-4	Morton

ON THE BALL

Ready for the next hit, third baseman Becky Moore, junior, takes position and keeps her glove open for the ball. Coach Barb Johnson, mathematics teacher, hit ground balls and line drives to infielders during practices to keep the Mustangs on their toes.

PUMPING IRON

Taking advantage of the weight room after school, Mr. Don Forner, business teacher, worked out next to students which he taught earlier in the day. The Mustang weight room, open to both students and faculty, helped to keep everyone in shape.



PUSH IT

While some students take advantage of after school relaxation, swimmer Dave Scott, sophomore, willingly works to stay in shape during the offseason. Seahorses maintain a year-round workout schedule to keep themselves in the best possible condition.

BUMP AND SET

With a staggering effort, Karl Bilimoria, sophomore, tries to keep his opponents from scoring the winning point as teammates Amy Hansen, sophomore and Matt Wittkamp, junior, look on. Keeping in shape proved easy with Wicker Park's sand volleyball courts so close to town.





Volleying for a healthier life,
students use sports and fun
as they shape up to become

FITNESS FANATICS

Hitting the school like the latest fashion statement, the American fitness craze affected many students.

Using everything from 45-pound dumbbells to Jane Fonda's home workout, students strived for a healthier lifestyle.

Students who wanted better health put forth time and effort to reach their goal. "I have to watch what I eat, exercise, and take care of myself," Dana Kender, senior, said.

Providing an alternative to lifting weights, taking aerobics classes, dieting and jogging, home video workouts proved beneficial but tiring to some students. "You might not think Jane (Fonda's home workout) is hard, but if you do it once you'll feel it for a week," Amy Gust, junior, said.

In an attempt to gain fitness, some students took advantage of the schools facilities to stay in shape. "I lift weights and run in the fieldhouse to stay in shape during the off season," Ryan Stojkovich, junior, said.

Students who found it hard to create the desire for fitness usually relied on friends to motivate them. "When I can't convince

myself that exercising is worth the effort, I call up one of my friends to talk me into it," Holli McCormick, freshman, said.

Working out to release everyday tensions aided students to stay fit. "Being physically active in sports allows me to let out aggressions that have accumulated during the day," Mark Lopez, senior, said.

In an attempt to avoid the problem of motivation, some students try to find certain times each week to exercise. "When I'm not in season, I usually make myself stick to a schedule," Shoshana Gordon, sophomore, said. "If I don't stick to my schedule, my conscience really bothers me."

National awareness proved a plus to get students involved and concerned about their health. "I believe everyone became more health conscious because things like cholesterol had become a nationwide concern," Brian Davis, senior, said.

Whether exercising at local health clubs or working out at home, students showed that their concern for better health equaled their interest in fashion.

HITTING THE SLOPES

To stay in shape during the off-season, Dave Brown, junior, exercises on his cross country ski simulator. With Alpine slopes hundreds of miles away, students used new technology to keep fit.



TWIST AND SHOUT

Fighting the battle of the bulge, juniors Amy Gust and Wendy Wilke aerobice to a Jane Fonda home workout video. Students used everything from videos, to weights, to aerobics classes to achieve fitness.



From collecting baseball cards to plastering their rooms with posters, teens feel the heat of

SPORTS FEVER

"I'll trade you my Mark Grace for your Big Frank Thomas."

"You got it, man."

"Loser."

The madness of sports mania ranged from cards, clothes, and decorated lockers to rooms covered with posters.

Collectors had to keep up with the fluctuating market as card prices soared one month and sunk the next. "I always had to buy the latest *Beckett Monthly*, so it would tell me the prices," Scott Poludniak, junior, said. "That way when I liquidated my cards I wouldn't get ripped off."

Posters pleased the sports fanatic who wanted more out of a picture than having it locked in shoe box. "I like posters better than cards simply because they are bigger and I can hang them on my wall," Jeff Alters, freshman, said.

Not everybody left their collectibles home. Hung in lockers or pasted on notebooks, pictures of athletes accompanied students throughout the day. "I put Christian Laettner up on my locker," Vickie Clifford, junior, said. "He is so cute."

Trying to imitate professional athletes, many students purchased jerseys bearing big-league names. "I prefer wearing Starter

merchandise because it is what the pros wear," John Reidelbach, junior, said.

Clad in university sweatshirts, T-shirts and boxers, students sported their favorite college colors. "I'm a big Notre Dame fan because my sister goes to St. Mary's," Carolyn Lucas, sophomore, said. "And when she comes back home, she usually brings us Notre Dame clothes."

Pro names and numbers decorated students' backs as they wore jerseys and uniforms to support admired athletes. "I wear the jerseys and stuff to show off my favorite players," Kevin Thomas, senior, said.

Unable to pass up a card or poster, fanatics couldn't resist the opportunity to obtain more collectibles. "Any time I saw a John Paxson or a Mark Grace collectible, I had to buy it," Angie Kotso, junior, said.

As he lay down on his bed with a sigh and stared at the poster on his ceiling, he hoped that one day he could be just like the sports superstar he idolized.

GO IRISH

Clad in his favorite Notre Dame sweatshirt, Tony Burrell, sophomore, finishes his Chemistry notebook in style. Whether for Spirit Week's Collegiate Day or just for a comfortable outfit, students sported their favorite college colors to support their favorite teams.





BORN TO SHOP

After buying a pair of Bulls sweatpants, Christie Dal Corobbo, junior, looks for a matching

sweatshirt at Sports Stuff. Stores that specialized in athletic apparel helped students follow their favorite teams and players.



POST IT

Adding to his wall of fame of 6 posters and 45 Starting Line-ups, Jeff Alters, freshman, hangs his brand new Rickey Henderson over his bed. Sports fanatics collected everything from cards to action figures and posters to show their dedication to the big leagues.

BARGAIN HUNT

With his eyes glued on an Eric Davis rookie baseball card, Kevin Kolb, junior, contemplates whether the card's value would increase and make a good investment. Cards ranged from 5 cent common players to \$1,000 superstars.



Interests • Personalities • Pasttimes • Privileges • Expectations • Moods • Talents • Teachers •

With an exact likeness, Kevin Ferguson, senior, steps into the role of Mr. Jeff Graves, science teacher, on Halloween to celebrate the spooky holiday. Daring to be different, students found ways to separate themselves from the crowd.

DARE

TO BE

DIFFERENT

Students •

With 1,076 students, standing out of the crowd wasn't always easy. If you wanted to get noticed, you had to make yourself visible.

Pushing authorities to the limit, 247 reckless seniors tried *living on the edge* as they counted the 180 school days to graduation.

Searching for ways to put some spark into a monotonous school day, 275 creative juniors went *out on a limb*, even resorting to doing "hee-haws" in the Commons.

To make a lasting impression, 297 anxious sophomores performed strange rituals *just for kicks* or finally got behind the wheel after months of anticipation.

Breaking new ground, 257 wide-eyed freshmen got their first tastes of high school life and realized that not everything was what they had expected.

Making a name for yourself turned out easier than it seemed. If you wanted to leave your mark, all you had to do was go beyond the norm and *dare to be different*.

Followers • Off beat • Siblings • Friends • Leaders •

Brian Adley. Bowling 9; Speech/Debate 9; Boys' Tennis 10; Academic Competition 11-12
Monica Alcalá. GTO 10-12; Spanish Club 10-12; French Club 11-12; German Club 11; SADD 11
Tamara Allie. Basketball 10; Swim Team 11-12; Letterwoman 12
Andrew Alleyway



Aaron Altschul. Spanish Club 9-12; Astronomy 9-12; SADD 9; Junior Achievement 10; Video 11-12 (pres. 11, producer 12)
Katherine J. Anderson. Track 9-10; Cross Country 9-10; Astronomy 11; SADD 12; Aquarium 12; Cadet Teaching (pres. 12); Golf 12
Deborah Ann Bainbridge. Swim Team 9; Track 9
Ryan Baker



Sanjeev Balajee. Tennis 9-12 (co-captain 12); CEC 9-12 (sec./treas. 9, pres. 10-12); Soccer 9-12; Lettermen 10-12; *Crier* 11-12 (Ed.-in-chief 12); NHS 11-12; French Club 9-11 (vice pres. 11); Speech/Debate 10-12 (sec. 11); Academic Competition 10-12; Quill and Scroll 11-12; Greg A. Beach Boys' Golf 10-12
Kathleen R. Behling. Swim Team 9-12 (capt. 12); NHS 11-12; Spanish Club 10-11; GTO 10-11; Track 10-11
James Bennett. Basketball 9-10; Football 9; Ensembles 11-12



Alan Bernat. Football 9; DECA 11-12
Tim Bertagnolli
Jill Elizabeth Berzins. Softball 9; *Paragon* 11-12
Blythe M. Biggerstaff. Diving 9; Swim Team 9-10; Spanish Club 9-10; Project X 10-11; SADD 9-10; GTO 9-10; Art 12; Astronomy 11-12



Jim Bohlin. DECA 11-12
John Bonnar. Baseball 9-10; Band 9-10; Jazz Band 9-10; Basketball 9
Chris Brady. Wrestling 9-10
Debbie Brom. Basketball 9; Volleyball 9-12



Dragana Bukorovic. French Club 9-11; Track 9; Spanish Club 9-11
Christopher C. Byczko. Soccer 9-12; Speech/Debate 9-11; Spanish Club 11-12
Vincent Carlon. Cross Country 10-11 (capt. 11); Track 9-12; Astronomy 12
Heather Carter





LIVING ON THE EDGE

T STUCK IN TRAFFIC

Dodging oncoming cars and buses from Columbia Ave. to North and South parking lots, seniors swerved and turned to avoid collisions and find the closest parking space. The chaotic parking lots inspired frustration as seniors tried to make their way through the lots.

Since North and South parking lots filled up quickly in the morning, seniors found ways to ensure themselves a good parking space. "I'd leave my house kind of early to make sure I didn't have to park really far," Sara Weinberg, senior, said.

In an attempt to alleviate North parking lot congestion, students who used south lockers had to use the South lot and students who used north lockers had to use the North lot. Parking permit prices increased from \$1 to \$5 in order to pay for the new South lot permits.

This policy was often ignored as students parked for convenience and not policy rules. "I think that the juniors should've parked in the North lot and the seniors should've parked in the South lot," Amy Soloblewski, senior, said. "It would have been so much easier then."

Where seniors parked depended on the proximity to classes, among other things. "I parked in the South lot so I could go out to lunch," Trevor Huard, senior, said. "If someone pulled the car up, you could get out easier without getting caught."

Daring seniors beat the parking system by taking advantage of open faculty spaces. "I parked in the teacher's lot because it was closer to school. I didn't have to walk as far," Bob Raduenzel, senior, said. "I didn't understand why we couldn't park there."

A sense of calmness suddenly came over the uptight senior. A view of a close parking space relieved the tension brought on by the morning search. The day started off right on the right note.

LINE UP

Lining up to get out of the South parking lot, seniors waited approximately six minutes to join the traffic on Columbia Ave. Because of the absence of a traffic light at the exit of the South lot, seniors found it harder to get out after school.

WHAT'S UP?

Taking advantage of the relaxed and laid back atmosphere of a half day, seniors Amy Sobolewski and Missy Sanders talk about the upcoming Homecoming festivities. Students looked forward to half days so they could enjoy the good moods than came along with them.

DRESS STRESS

Taking a break from Homecoming activities, seniors Regan Rokita and Michelle Layer stop to talk to Mrs. Dolly Layer about Homecoming dresses. Finding the perfect dress turned into a race against the clock as students tried to buy formals in time for the dance.



Kevin Casper
Aileen Castor
Lisa Renee Chastain: French Club 9
John Chevigny: Tennis 9-12; Ensembles 11-12;
Spanish Club 9-10; Student Govt. 9
Kimberly K. Chrusowski: Basketball 9-11;
Football manager 10-12

Cathy S. Chung: Student Govt. 9,11-12; NHS 11-12; French Club 9-12; SADD 11-12; Project X 10-12; CEC 10; Ensembles 11; Astronomy 11-12; Spanish Club 10-12; German Club 10
Tami Lynn Ciesielski: Drama 9; Ensembles 10-12; DECA 11-12
Steven Laurence Colbert: Marching Band 9-12 (field asst. 11-12); Jazz Band 9-12; Drama 9-12; Thespian 10-12; NHS 11-12; Project X 10-12 (pres. 12); French Club 9-12; German Club 9-12
Brandy L. Costino: GTO 9-10; Drama 10-12; Track 10; SADD 9-10; Project X 10-12; French Club 9-12
Tom Coyle: DECA 12; SADD 10-11



GIMME THE SCOOP



Passing tests, special occasions, Monday mornings and term papers. In these situations, seniors felt the many ups and downs of school, home, and social life, causing a constant change in moods.

Thoughts of life after high school gave seniors a positive attitude which carried them through the year. "Usually I'm in a good mood because I'll be at college next year," Juliann Safko, senior, said.

Fights with girlfriends or boyfriends affected moods along with less serious elements such as weather conditions or weekends. "I'm in a good mood when I get a good grade on a test because with a good grade I know I've accomplished something," Pat Helton, senior, said.

Whether finishing creative projects or lounging on the sofa, seniors had many opportunities to experiment with different moods. "Sleeping is the number one thing that puts me in a good mood and I need lots of it," Brian Morgan, senior, said.

Plunging into unusual activities, seniors allowed themselves to experience different moods. "People around me and how the day is going puts me in a weird mood, also when we go to weird places like the bowl-

ing alley," Nicole Ranich, senior, said.

Different types of music brought different moods, and students often picked what to listen to accordingly. "When I'm very hyper, I like to listen to loud, heavy music like Metallica," Carrie Mandon, senior, said.

Days that seemed like they would never end put a damper on good moods. "Sometimes I have those days when everything that can go wrong does go wrong," Cathy Chung, senior, said. "I can tell that I'll be in a bad mood from the minute I wake up."

Curiosity motivated seniors to enliven dull days and experience daredevil activities. "We like to do daring things like going to weird or exotic places and scaring ourselves to death," Cathy Keslin, senior, said.

Action-packed plans came to a sudden halt when they fell through or when parents refused to cooperate with plans. "I can't stand when things don't go the way they are planned," Adam Torreano, senior, said. You make good plans and then someone weasels out or someone screws it up."

With the ups and downs encountered in school and at home, seniors' moods changed from happy to sad to mad and then happy again within the course of one day.

Curt Culver

David Michael Cryston DECA 11-12 (pres. 12); Aquarium 11-12

Joelene Suzanne Daily Softball 10; SADD 9, Drama 12; Project X 11-12; GTO 11-12; Spanish Club 10-11; German Club 11

Brian J. Davis Football 9-12; Wrestling 9; Speech/Debate 11-12; Ensembles 10-12; NHS 11-12; Student Govt. 9; French Club 10-11
Jennifer DeVries Spanish Club 9; French Club 10-11; SADD 10-12; Project X 11-12; Drama 10

David Dodd

Jeff W. Doherty Football 9-12; Baseball 9, 11-12; Track 10; Wrestling 9; DECA 11-12; Ensembles 11-12

Adam V. Dolatowski
Nancy Marie Dominik
Pete Doukas



TRICKY ONES

When Sunday night rolled around, people may have tuned their television sets to "America's Funniest People," but little did they know that they could find the same talents within the Senior Class.

Whether shy, outgoing or just plain attention mongers, seniors displayed their outrageous or obnoxious talents to amuse and astonish their peers. Students engaged in exploits of indescribable ability and immeasurable magnitude, but, as sure as an anxious senior counts the days until graduation, the Class of '92 volunteered to share the secrets of their success.

While some prided themselves on executing flawless dives or performing death-defying stunts, Randy Fehring, senior, unlike any other athlete or stunt person, could contort his legs in different ways. "Sometimes people asked me if I was the guy who can do that thing with my legs," he said.

Other seniors applied what they thought of as musical inclinations, or in other words their unfortunate singing voices, to amuse their friends. "I liked (Kevin) Ferguson and (Matt) Roseen to guess what I would sing," Mark Matuska, senior, said.

To alleviate spare time, seniors twirled their pens, a characteristic commonly attributed to debaters. "I got it from my sister and I think she picked it up from other speechies. It's just something I do to take up the time," Sanjeev Balajee, senior, said.

Everyone has unique abilities, but most don't readily admit it, unlike the Senior Class. With a medley of talents ranging from pen twirling to limber legs, seniors held no bars.

HEAD OVER HEELS

In an effort to be daring, Tom Kapala, senior, stands on his head after school while Aaron Lander, senior, assists him. Although some seniors were not all that talented, each possessed their own unique abilities.

BENT OUT OF SHAPE

With spare time after school, Randy Fehring, senior, entertains his friends by contorting his leg into an odd position. Seniors performed unusual tricks to impress and sometimes disgust their peers.





Bobby Drzewiecki: Baseball 9; Track 10
Jeff Dulany
John Dulany
Lisa Duray: Poms 10-11 (Lt. 11); Ensembles 12
Brian Edgcomb



Valerie Ann Edgcomb: Spanish Club 9
Brian Ellis: Aquarium 12; Astronomy 11; Project X 11-12; SADD 10-12 (pres. 11-12); Video 11-12; French Club 9-12; German Club 12
Geoffrey T. Erakovich: Football 10-12; Swim Team 9-12; DECA 12
Margaret M. Ewing: Band 9-12; Project X 11-12; Cadet Teacher 12 (sec./treas. 12)
Randy Fehring



David J. Fekete: Academic Competition 11-12 (sec./treas. 12); Astronomy 10-12; Bowling 9-10; Crier 11-12 (Insight Ed. 12); Speech/Debate 9-12; German Club 10-12; NHS 11-12; Science 11 (vice pres. 11); NFL 9-12; IU Honors Program
Kevin Patrick Ferguson: Soccer 9-12; German Club 9-12 (treas. 10, vice pres. 11, pres. 12); NHS 11-12; Speech/Debate 10-12
Tammy Finlon: DECA 11; SADD 10; Project X 12
Jonathon Florczak: Drama 11-12; Thespian 12; Spanish Club 9-12; Speech/Debate 11-12; NHS 12; Student Govt. 10-11; Band 10-11; Jazz Band 11; CEC 12; Project X 10-12
Marsha Frank: SADD 9-12; Drama 10; GTO 11; Cadet Teachers 12



Sean Gailmard
Kristina Garza
Jennifer M. Gaspar: Volleyball 9-10; Softball 9-10; French Club 9, 11-12; GTO 10-12 (manager 11-12); Art 12
Shane Gerson: Drama 9 12 (vice pres. 12); Thespian 9-12; Swim Team 9; NHS 11-12; Pub photographer 11-12 (Head Photog. 12); Quill and Scroll 11-12
Andrew R. Girms: Tennis 9; Bowling 9-10



Gregory A. Glennon: SADD 9-10; Band 10-12; Jazz Band 10-12; Drama 12, Track 11-12; Project X (treas. 12); Ensembles 12
Sandy Goldyn: SADD 11-12; Project X 11-12; Aquarium 12
Jaime Lina Gont: Cross Country 9; Student Govt. 9; Spanish Club 9-10; SADD 9-10
Robert William Goodrich
Adam Gordon: Soccer 9-12; Football 9, 11; Paragon 11-12 (Assoc. Ed.); Student Govt. 9-10



Jeff Grahovac
Amy Green
Sandhya Gupta: Speech/Debate 9-12; Swim Team 9; Science 11-12; Spanish Club 12; Project X 10-12; Astronomy 11-12; Ensembles 12; Drama 10-12; Thespian 11-12; NFL 9-12; NHS 11-12; Pub photographer 11-12; SADD 9-12
Pedro J. Gutierrez II: Diving Team 9-12; SADD 12
Ivan T. Hansen: Baseball 9-12 (capt. 1); Letterman; Basketball 9-11; Football 9; School Improvement Team

Lauren E. Harrington: Volleyball 9; Student Govt. 10; Astronomy 11; Drama 11; German Club 11-12; GTO 11-12 (manager 12)
Amy Ellen Hatfield: Softball 10-12; Diving Team 9; GTO 9-11
Jennifer L. Heintz
Paul P. Hernandez: Student Govt. 9-12; Ensembles 10-12; Football 9
Chad M. Heslian: Football 9-10; Basketball trainer 9; Track 9-12



Claire Frances Hieber: Track 9; French Club 9; German Club 11; DECA 11-12
Gregory Hobby: Football 9-12; Soccer 9-12
Lisa Ann Hoekema: Flag Corps 9-12; DECA 11-12 (Historian 12); GTO 12; Project X 12; SADD 11-12
Michael Hofmann: Swim Team 9-10
Brian Hoogewegen: Aquarium 11-12 (pres. 12)



Lisa M. Horner: Project X 10-11; DECA 11-12
Trever Huard
Sara Ellen Hundley: Spanish Club 9-10; German Club 10-12; French Club 9-11; SADD 9; GTO 10
Tamara Janea Hunt: Project X 11-12; SADD 11-12; German Club 9-12; Ensembles 10-12; Orchestra 9-10
Rodney Allen Hutsenpiller: Baseball 9



Mike Jabaay
Matt J. Jacob: Bowling Club 9-10; SADD 9-11; German Club 9-10; Astronomy 10
Pankaj Roy Jain: Speech/Debate 9-12; NHS 11-12 (sec. 12); Bowling 9-10; Boys' Tennis 12; French Club 10-11; German Club 12
Tricia Lynn Jerich: Girls' Tennis 9; Spanish Club 10-12; French Club 11-12; NHS 11-12; Student Govt. 10-12; Project X 10-12 (sec. 12); SADD 10-12; Drama 11-12; German Club 11-12
Michael J. Jewett: Baseball 9-12; Honorable Mention All-Conference 11; Basketball 9; SADD 9



Lela A. Johnson: NHS 11-12; Flag Corps 9-12 (capt. 12); Project X 10-12; Track 10; Drama 11-12; SADD 10-12
Mike Kane: DECA 11
Tom Kapala: Art 12 (pres. 12)
Wendy Beth Kaplan: Ensembles 10-12; Project X 11; Spanish Club 9-10; *Paragon* 11-12 (People Ed. 11; Managing Ed. 12)
Helen Karalis



Kelly Kathryn Keilman
Tara Kelleher
Dana Linette Kender: Volleyball 9-12 (capt. 12); Cheerleading 9-12 (capt. 9); Softball 9-10, 12; Ensembles 10-12; Spanish Club 12; Letterwoman 9-12
Cathryn Denise Keslin: Football manager 11-12
Tom Kicho



MEASURING UP TO

STANDARDS

After four years of required classes, morning announcements and locker problems, the realization that high school existed only as a memory finally set in on the graduating class. Seniors had mixed emotions as graduation approached and the time to think about the future neared.

Although every senior had a different opinion about graduating high school and moving on, one word seemed synonymous with entering the world that lurked beyond high school: freedom. "Sure it will be difficult, but there is a lot to look forward to: FREEDOM." Kerrie Mattson, senior, said.

Just as they had aspirations of what awaited them beyond the realms of high school, seniors also had the fears and the

doubts of what they would encounter after graduation. "I'm going to miss all my friends I have known for years, and it'll be hard meeting new people and fitting in," Dan Watanapongse, senior, said.

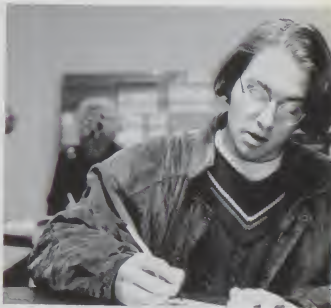
Whether or not expectations of post-high school life would measure up to the standards of the seniors, they could count on one obligation: responsibility. "Being in a college atmosphere will give me more independence and freedom, yet I feel a little scared about the responsibilities," Michelle Wantroba, senior, said. With the excitement of life free from parental control, seniors looked toward the future.

Despite four years of preparation, there still remained lessons that could not be

learned from books, such as the trials and tribulations of existence without the familiar security blanket of high school. "I'm both happy and afraid of graduation because it means I have to go out into the real world," Dave Dodd, senior, said.

Although the responsibilities, changes and new environments meant harder work, most seniors intended to give it their all. "Now I will be getting onto bigger and better things, but I will give it my best shot," Helen Karalis, senior, said.

As the seniors ventured out into the real world with aspirations, dreams and fears, they would keep the immortal words of Yogi Berra, Yankees baseball player, close to heart: "It ain't over 'till it's over."



WRITE ON

During a lunch John Florczak, senior, uses his spare time to fill out a college transcript; on average average seniors applied to three colleges. As graduation neared seniors began to realize the responsibilities involved in applying to colleges.

WRAP IT UP

In preparation for graduation, Michele Mancari, senior, gets measured for her cap by George Kingsley, a representative of Kingsley Inc., who supplies the caps and gowns for commencement. For the sum of \$15, seniors could rent a gown and purchase a cap and tassel.

Joe King

Thomas Kirsch: Baseball 9-12 (capt. 12); Basketball 9-12 (capt. 12); Student Govt. 9-11-12; CEC 10; NHS 11-12; Football 9
 Andy A. Kiszienia: Football 9-12; SADD 11-12
 Jason Klee: DECA 11; Soccer 12
 Deanna Klepper: Swim Team 9; DECA 11-12



Julie Elizabeth Kmiec: Poms 11-12; Project X 11-12; *Paragon* 11-12 (Asst. Copy Ed. 12)
 Jennifer Beth Kocal: Ensembles 10-12; GTO 9-11
 Gregory Joseph Thomas Kolodziej: Drama 10-12; Thesplan 10-12; NHS 11-12; Ensembles 11-12; SADD 12; Academic Competition 12; Musical 10-12; Football 9; *Paragon* 12 (Academics Asst. 12)
 Ralph Konkoly: Swim Team 9-12
 Julie E. Korey: Track 9-12; Swim Team 9; Cross Country 11; Poms 10; NHS 11-12; French Club 9-11; Ensembles 11-12

John Michael Kotso

John Kouris: Football 9-12 (co-capt. 12); NHS 12; Baseball 10; Basketball 10; Spanish Club 11; *Crier* 11-12 (Managing Ed. 12); Quill and Scroll 11-12; Speech/Debate 11-12; Drama 12; Junior Class Prince
 Keith J. Kozubal: Football 9-12 (capt. 12, MVP 12); Hon. Mention All-Conference 11, First Team All-Conference 12
 Mark M. Krist: Speech/Debate 9; German Club 9-12; Swim Team 9-12 (capt. 12)
 Kathryn G. Kulas: Volleyball 9-11; Basketball 9-11; French Club 9-11; German Club 11-12; Drama 10-12

LIVING ON THE EDGE

LOOK-ALIKES CAUSE

Just like Gunnar and Matthew Nelson and Brandon and Brenda Walsh, twins had many things in common. But though they carried the same last name, twins had different personality traits.

Twins may look the same, but there's always a little something different about them—different tastes in food, fashion, and entertainment. "My sister (Eileen) and I like almost everything, except she likes peanut butter and I don't," Carolyn O'Sullivan, senior, said.

How could classmates tell the difference between a set of twins? Students sometimes recognized twins by their distinguishing types of clothing, tone of voice, or by

their personalities. "She (Mara) is much more relaxed and laid-back; I am more of a workaholic," Lisa Cohen, senior, said.

Twins often had an advantage of their similar appearance. Role reversal of the look-alikes became a common practical joke. "The only time we ever switched positions was when we talked on the phone," Carolyn said. "The person thought they were talking to me, when they were talking to Eileen."

When people thought of twins, they saw them as wearing identical clothes, hairstyles, and makeup. Some twins couldn't wait to dress the same, while others simply could care less. "Twins that wear the same clothes and have the same hairdos have some ma-

jor identity searching to do," Lisa said. "I feel sorry for them."

Twins often ignored a student when their identical counterpart's name echoed through the halls instead of their own. While some twins laughed or ignored the accident, some reacted differently to the mistake. "If someone called me Jeff, I just mumbled 'you've got the wrong person.' Sometimes I just ignored them unless they approached me," John Dulany, senior, said.

Twins may have had different personalities, but they managed to get along at home and at school. Even if a twin lost a friend or had a bad day, they had their twin brother or sister to turn to for advice and support.

Shaun Ladwig: Swim Team 9, GTO 10; German Club 10

Aaron Lander

Adam C. Lasics: Speech/Debate 10-12 (treas. 12); NFL 10-12; Pub photographer 12; National Merit Commended Scholar 11; NHS 11-12; Astronomy 11-12; French Club 9-11; German Club 10-12; Michelle Denyse Laver: French Club 9; Track 9-10; Cheerleading 9-10; Homecoming Princess 10; Ensembles 10-11; Diving 11; Project X 11-12, CFC 11-12; Crier 11-12 (Perspectives Ed. 12)

John Daniel Lazar: CFC 9-11; Student Govt. 12; German Club 9-12 (treas. 11, sec. 12); Project X 10-12; Golf 10-12; Quill and Scroll 11-12; NHS 11-12; Astronomy 10-12; Science 12; Academic Competition 10-12; Speech/Debate 9-11; NFL 9-11; Swim Team 9; Crier 11-12 (Front Page Ed. 12)

Sharon Kay LeVan

Heather Lewandowski

Laura Lichtle: Volleyball 9; Basketball 9; Track 9-12; Cross Country 10-12; Spanish Club 10; Project X 11; Band 9-12

Protopio LoDuca: German Club 11-12; Spanish Club 9-10; Project X 11

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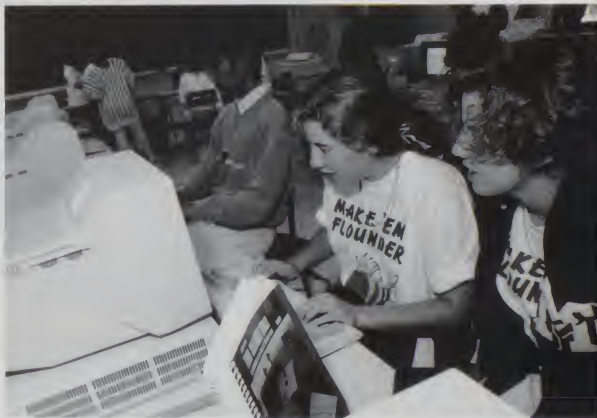
Candy Lucas

Jeremy Lundin: Band 9-12; Chess Team 9-10

Chris Maka: Chess Team 9-10; Bowling 10; Astronomy 11-12 (pres. 12); Academic Competition 11-12; Science 10-11; German Club 11-12; Speech/Debate 12; Video 11; NHS 11-12

Brooke Ann Mamas

Michele Joanne Mancari



DOUBLE TEAM

While John Dulany, senior, goes up to block senior Bill McCullough's shot, Jeff Dulany, senior, prepares for the rebound. Twins found that, no matter the situation, they always had a friend to turn to for help and advice.

MIRROR IMAGE

In an attempt to win "Word Attack", Eileen O'Sullivan, senior, types in the directions while her sister Carolyn, senior, monitors her progress during typing class. With the help of her other sibling, twins lessened their workload by helping each other with homework.

Carrie Marie Mandon: NHS 11-12; German Club 10-12; Softball 10-11; Principal's Award 11
 Regina Therese Marco: French Club 9-12; Spanish Club 11-12; Swim Team 10
 Mike Margraff
 Laura E. Marshall: French Club 9-10; SADD 10; GTO 10-11; Cheerleading 9,11-12; Project X 12
 Naofumi Maruta: Swim Team 11



Kerrie Mattson: Spanish Club 9; Flag Corps 10-11; Project X 11
 Mark T. Matuska: Basketball 9; Bowling 9-12; SADD 9-12; French Club 9-12 (vice pres. 12); Art 12; CEC 9-12; NHS 11-12; Thespian 12
 Jason A. McCaslin: SADD 9-10
 William McCullough: Soccer 10-12; Crier 12 (Sports Ed.); Astronomy 11-12; NHS 12
 Brian Mendoza: Basketball 9-10; Baseball 9-12; Football 9-10



Dallas Metz
 Jeanne Arienne Michalak: Swim Team 9-12; Track 10-12; French Club 10-11; GTO 9-10
 Nick Mihalic
 Melinda Lee Miller: Volleyball 9-12; Softball 9-11; NHS 11-12; Project X 11-12; Cadet Teachers 12 (vice pres. 12)
 Molly Marie Miller



Helen Mittrakis: Track 9-12
 Kelly Jean Moake: Track 9; DECA 11-12 (treas. 12)
 Brian M. Morgan: Football 9-12; Basketball 9; Baseball 9-12; Ensembles 11,12
 Luann M. Morgan: Project X 12; GTO 10-11; French Club 9-10; SADD 9-10
 Sonali A. Muzumdar: Swim Team 9; Track 9-10; Speech/Debate 9-12; Junior Achievement 10; Spanish Club 10-11; SADD 10; Astronomy 11; NHS 11-12; NFL 9-12; Project X 11



Heather Sunshine Newton: Track 9; Cheerleading 9-12; NHS 11-12; SADD 10-11; Astronomy 11; French Club 9-12; Project X 10-12 (sec. 11)
 Michelle Lee Obenchain: CEC 9; SADD 9; Drama 10; German Club 9-12
 Carolyn Marie O'Sullivan: Track 9; Cross Country 10; Flag Corps 11-12
 Eileen Michelle O'Sullivan: Track 9; Cross Country 10-11; Flag Corps 11-12
 Adam Pacyna: DECA 11-12



Barron Mark Palmer: Boys' Tennis Team 10-12 (capt. 12); All Conference 11-12; CEC 9-12 (pres. 9, treas. 12); NHS 11-12; National Merit Semifinalist/Commended Student 12; Soccer 9-12; Speech/Debate 10; German Club 9-12; Academic Competition 9-11; Astronomy 11; Project X 11; Swim Team 9; Basketball 12; Academic All State 12; Orchestra 9-10; Ensembles 11
 Marietta Parianos
 Aparna Patel
 Dan Pavelka: Football 9-12; Basketball 9-12; NHS 11-12
 Julie A. Pearson: Volleyball 9-12 (capt. 12); Basketball 9-12 (capt. 12); Track 9-12 (capt. 11-12); Project X 10-12; German Club 12





LIVING ON THE EDGE

WHAT'S IN STORE

"... Please report to the office."

Whether the request came from the Guidance, Main, or North Offices, seniors dreaded hearing their name blared over the PA system. Thoughts from the past formed in their minds as they wondered what they did to deserve their name announced.

Before seniors shuffled down to the office, they contemplated what they did and tried to conjure up a good story to save their hides. "I asked myself what the heck I did wrong now when I got called down to the North Office," Dallas Metz, senior, said.

Even when the loudspeaker came on, seniors found their blood pressure rising a little higher than before. "I always got nervous when Jen came on the PA, I thought they might call me to get drug tested and that wasn't the sunshine of my day," Michelle Layer, senior, said.

Some students maintained a normal blood pressure level as they heard their name announced over the PA system and thought of it more as blessing than a punishment. "I was happy when I got called down because I got out of class," Pete Doukas, senior, said.

As the teacher wrote out a pass for the wanted senior, he looked at the student, curiously wondering what he did wrong. The student left class with his heart pounding fast only to find his lunch waiting for him in the main office.

READ WITH CARE

After receiving notification to contact the North Office, Jason Klee, senior, attempts to recall what he did wrong while dreading the outcome of his actions. The North Office called students down when they were caught ditching classes, leaving school grounds, and vandalizing school property.

HIT LIST

Checking the list of students' names, Mrs. Violet Zudock, Guidance Office secretary, searches for senior Monica Alcalá's name for her appointment with Assistant Principal Mr. James Bawden, Guidance Department Chairman. The Guidance Office paged students for appointments with counselors, from scheduling classes to results of college placement exams.



Ernie Peiser: Band 9-12; Basketball 9
Mark Eric Pietraszak: Basketball 9-12 (capt. 12);
Student Govt. 12; Crier 11; Paragon 12 (Sports Ed.)
Amy Marie Plinak: Basketball 9-12 (capt. 11-12);
Track 10; NHS 11-12 (vice pres. 12); CEC 9-11;
Student Govt. 10; DAR 12; Drama 9-12; Spanish
Club 9-12 (sec. 12); Paragon 11-12 (Ed.-in-chief 12);
School Improvement Team 11-12; Ensembles 10-12;
Quill and Scroll 11-12; Thespian 12; Home-
coming Court 12; National Merit Finalist 12
Carrie Anne Poplawski: SADD 10-12; DECA
Heather Renee Potter: Drama 9-11; Track 9-12;
Football trainer 10; French Club 9-10; German
Club 9-12; NHS 11-12; Ensembles 10-12; GTO 9-10;
SADD 9-10-12; Project X 11-12
Kymberly Lynn Marie Potter: GTO 9; DECA

Nick Quagliara: Speech/Debate 9-10; Spanish
Club 9-11; German Club 10-11; French Club 11;
Project X 11; CEC 12
Robert Raduenzel: Football 9-12; Project X 12
Nicole Ranich
Regan Marie Rokita: Cheerleading 9 (capt.);
Softball 9; Swim Team 11-12; CEC 9-12 (sec. 12);
pres. 10; treas. 10; SADD 9-11 (vice pres. 11);
Spanish Club 9-11; Project X 10-12 (pres. 11);
Paragon 11-12 (Copy Ed. 12)
Alison Renee Rose
Matt Rosen

Heather Eve Ross: DECA 11-12
Tracy M. Rucinski: CEC 9; Basketball 9-10; Golf
10-11; Student Govt. 10-11; Project X 10-11; Drama
10-11; Ensembles 10-12; Speech/Debate 11-12;
NFL 11-12; Hoosier Girls State 11
Robert Samuel Rudy: Band 9-12; Swim Team 9-10;
German Club 12
Juliann Louise Sarko: Cheerleading 9-12;
Volleyball 9; Track 10-12; French Club 9-12; NHS
11-12
Melissa A. Sanders: Spanish Club 9; Student
Govt. 9-12 (sec. 12); Swim Team 10; Project X 10-11;
Speech/Debate 11; Cheerleading 10-11
Suzanne Schneider

Mara Brie Scott: Drama 9-12; Swim Team 9-10;
NHS 11-12; Thespian 9-12; SADD 10; NFL 9-12;
Track 10; Speech/Debate 9-12; German Club 10-12;
Orchestra 9-10
Ravi Sekhar
Sarah Selig: Drama 9-12; Speech/Debate 10;
SADD 9; Art 12; Thespian 9-12
Adam Shapiro: Speech/Debate 9
Brian Simpson
Steven Andrew Sims: Swim Team 9; Drama 9-12;
Golf 10-12; Bowling 9-10; Orchestra 9-12; Musical
10-12; NHS 12

Kirsten Marie Siukola: SADD 9; German Club
11-12; GTO 11-12 (manager 12); Astronomy 11;
Art 12
Scott T. Skoney: Bowling 9-10; Spanish Club 10-11;
Scuba 10-11; SADD 9-10; Astronomy 10-11
Sharon Kristen Slater: Project X 11-12;
Ensembles 10-12
Robert Smith
Sandra E. Smith: Track 9-11; German Club 10-11;
Spanish Club 11; Drama 10; NHS 11-12; GTO 10-11;
Project X 11; Ensembles 10-12; Crier 11
Michael J. Smosna: NHS 11-12; Bowling 10;
Video 11-12 (pres. 12); Science 11; Academic
Competition 11-12; German Club 11-12; Chess
Team 10

Amy L. Sobolewski: Volleyball 9-12; Basketball 9;
Cheerleading 10-11; CEC 9-12 (sec. 10, 11); French
Club 9-11; NHS 11-12
Becca A. Spangler: Volleyball 9; Softball 9
Neil A. Sparber: Student Govt. 9-11; CEC 12;
NHS 11-12; French Club 10-11; Astronomy 12;
Basketball 9; Football 9; Quill and Scroll 11-12;
Crier 11
Christie S. Spurling: French Club 10; SADD
Melody Sun: CEC (vice pres. 9-10); Student Govt.
11-12; NHS 11-12; Speech/Debate 9-10; NFL 9-10;
Academic Competition 9-12; French Club 9-12;
German Club 9-12; Astronomy 9-12
Beth Marie Suter: Volleyball 9-10; Softball 9-11;
Student Govt. 12; Homecoming Princess 9





LIVING ON THE EDGE

ON THE RUN

As seniors felt the power of being one year older, they used their age advantage to get away with as much as possible without getting busted by their parents or teachers. Extravagant excuses or stories sometimes put seniors in a crunch when no parent or teacher would ever believe them.

Getting caught and grounded for breaking certain rules made some students think twice about trying to push their luck again. "I came home at 1 a.m. and as soon as my mom went to sleep I snuck out again and got home at 5:30 a.m., right as my mom was waking up," Julie Pearson, senior, said. "After coming that close to getting busted, I haven't tried it since."

Long lectures from parents seemed like the usual punishment, but certain consequences such as getting grounded remained a drawback for some. "When I got in trouble, my parents grounded me for about a month and took all of my privileges away such as my curfew and car keys," Pete Doukas, senior, said. "They also like to lecture on how you shouldn't do this, and you should do this and always be good."

Trying to deceive parents took a well thought-out plan with all of the details memorized in case parents caught on to scandalous plans. "I told my parents I was going to spend the weekend at my girlfriend's and we really went to my friend's cottage," Jen Heintz, senior, said. "When I got home, they didn't have a clue as to what really happened."

Seniors found they could get away with a lot, but when they overdid it, the consequences usually put a damper on their social lives temporarily.

ON THE PROWL

On the lookout for waiting parents, Sharon Slater, senior, sneaks in after her curfew. Seniors often found themselves tiptoeing around parents' rules in order to achieve a little more freedom.

LATE AGAIN?

Sprinting through the Commons, seniors Greg Hobby and Ivan Hansen try to make it to their fifth hour class on time. As the minute bell rang, students found themselves dashing to class in order to avoid a fourth tardy and the resulting detention.

CARELESS DRIVERS GET

FAST WARNING

It's nothing to lose sleep over. It happens to almost everyone at some point. Watching the speedometer can help when trying to avoid it. It's the infamous ticket.

Seniors violated laws by speeding and other careless tendencies. From a warning to defensive driving, police enforcement influenced seniors to change their habits. "I got a warning for parking on the wrong side of the road," Carolyn Tweedle, senior, said. "The cop had nothing better to do at 2 a.m. I don't park there anymore, though."

Despite excuses, students still had difficulty avoiding tickets. "When I got my license, my speedometer was broken. I figured I could go as fast as I wanted and use

that as an excuse," Tracy Rucinski, senior, said. "Even after I told the officer about it, I still got a ticket for going 50 in a 35 zone."

To keep their mishaps from parents, students dealt with consequences on their own. "When I got a ticket I paid the \$50, but I didn't tell my parents because they'd take away my car," Tom Kicho, senior, said.

Rather than paying their tickets, some seniors paid \$20 for defensive driving. "I had to go to two 4-hour sessions of defensive driving," Chris Brady, senior, said. "It was more boring than drivers' education."

Not only did seniors worry about tickets, but accidents kept them on the lookout. "I learned the hard way," Sarah Selig, se-

nior, said. "My friends borrowed my car to go out to lunch and crashed it."

Not all seniors paid expenses to the police department, as they kept a clean record. "I've never been in a major accident or even got a ticket," Kris Zambo, senior, said.

As sirens blared and tickets piled up, seniors slowly changed their driving habits from reckless to responsible. For many, the first accident seemed like the end of the world. For others, the fun had just begun.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT

While Munster police officer Dan Ball writes a warning ticket Greg Glennon, senior, listens attentively to his explanation. Seniors violating driving rules such as parking in no-parking zones had to pay a \$5 fine.

Ehrlich C. Tan: Student Govt. 9-10; 12 (pres. 12); CEC 11; Spanish Club 9-12 (treas. 11, pres. 12); French Club 10-11; Academic Competition 10-12; NHS 11-12; Speech 9-10; NFL 10; SADD 9-11; Band 11; Boys' Tennis 9-10; National Merit 12; IU Honors Program

Elizabeth Tan: Speech/Debate 9-12; Academic Competition 10-12; German Club 9-12; French Club 10-12; CEC 9-10; Student Govt. 11; Project X 10-12; IU Honors Program

Pamela Ann Marie Tomaszewski: Basketball 9-10; Track 10; DECA 11-12; German Club 10

Adam J. Torreano: Football 9-12 (capt. 12); Track 9-12; Wrestling 9

Valerie Tissour: Cheerleading 9-12; NHS 11-12; Spanish Club 9-12; Project X 11-12; SADD 11-12;

Richard T. Trzeziak: Football 9-12

JoAnne Tsakopoulos: Ensembles 10-11; SADD 10-11 (sec. 11); Drama 12; Project X 12

Kristen Ann Tuzikowski: Student Govt. 9-12 (vice pres. 12); Drama 9-12 (sec. 12); Thespian 10-12; French Club 9-12; German Club 10-12;

Speech/Debate 10-12; NFL 10-12; NHS 11-12 (treas. 12); Project X 9-12 (treas. 11); Musical 11;

Ensembles 12; Track 9-10; Volleyball 9

Carolyn G. Tweedle: Cheerleading 9-12 (capt. 11-12); NHS 11-12; Ensembles 11-12; Homecoming Court 10-12 (Queen 12); CEC 10-12; Drama 12;

Project X 11-12; Musical 11

Michelle L. Vickers: Volleyball 9; Track 10; SADD 9-10; GTO 10; Project X 10

Becky Walsh: Flag Corps 10; SADD 12; GTO 12; Project X 12

Michelle Marie Wantroba: Spanish Club 9-11-12; Art 12; Project X 12

Dan Watanapongse: Boys' Tennis Team 10-12; Academic All-State 12; German Club 9-12 (sec. 11);

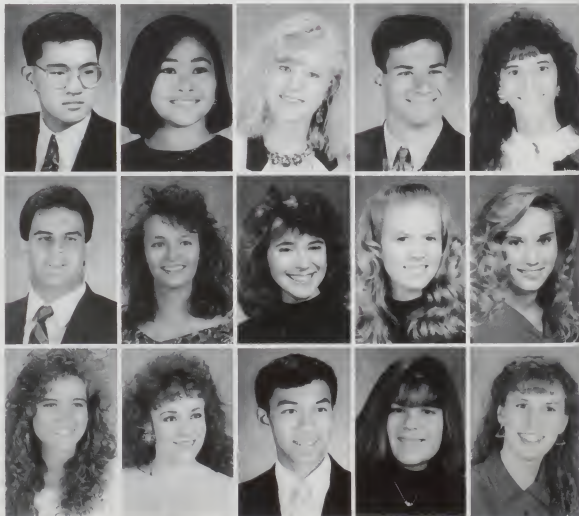
vice pres. 12; Student Govt. 9-10-12; NHS 11-12; Band 9-12; Academic Competition 10-12; Chess 9-10; French Club 11-12; Ensembles 11

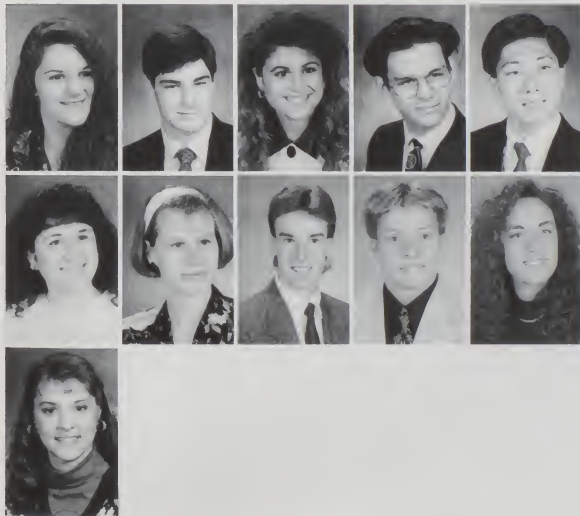
Sara Amy Weinberg: French Club 9-12; Girls' Tennis 9-12; NHS 11-12; Astronomy 11

Laura Renee Wesner: Orchestra 9-12; Speech/Debate 10-12; Spanish Club 10-12; SADD 9-12;

Project X 11-12; Astronomy 11; NHS 11-12;

Science 9-10





Angela Marie Weyand. French Club 9; SADD 9-12; German Club 12

Michael White

Dina Marie Wiesner. Basketball 9; Volleyball 9-10

Ted Wilford: Drama 9-12 (pres. 12); Thespian 9-12 (pres. 12); *Crier* 11-12 (Copy Ed. 12); Quill and Scroll 11-12 (pres. 12); Speech/Debate 9-12, NFL 9-12; NHS 11-12; Ensembles 11-12; German Club 9-12; Spanish Club 12; Project X 10-12; SADD 10-11; National Merit Commended Student 12

Ryan Wong: Astronomy 9-12; Spanish Club 9-11; NHS 11-12; Academic Competition 11-12; SADD 9-10; Chess Team 9-10; Science 10-11, Video (vice pres. 11, (pres. 12)

Tina Yarovsky: Speech/Debate 10-12 (pres. 12); Drama 9-12 (sec. 11); Thespian 10-12; NFL 10-12; NHS 11-12 (pres. 12); Ensembles 11-12; French Club 9-11-12; German Club 11; Project X 10-12; Musical 10-11;

Michelle Marie Zafran. Ensembles 10-12
Tom Zager

Kris Zambor: Football 11-12; Speech/Debate 9-10; Soccer 10-12; NFL 10-12; NHS 11-12; Student Govt. 12; Letterman 11; Swim Team 9; SADD 10-11; Boys' Tennis Team 9; Astronomy 10-11; Band 10-11; Bowling 9-10; Spanish Club 9-12; German Club 10-12; Junior Achievement 10
Julie M. Zimmerman

Kathleen Marie Zioli. Hoosier Girls State 11; Drama 9-12; NHS 11-12; Project X 11; Spanish Club 9-12; German Club 10-11; *Pangloss* 11 (Academics Ed. 11)

DRAWING OUT CHILDHOOD

Voting? No. Driving? Yes. NC-17? Maybe. Caught at awkward age, juniors dealt with the dilemma of being too old for some activities, but too young for others.

Still kids at heart, some juniors dealt with certain restrictions that came with growing up. "I'm too old to play in the balls at Bugs Bunny Land at Great America," Jon Finerty, junior, said. "I loved it! It reminds me of my innocence when I was a kid."

Since acting older to get into certain places didn't fool anyone, juniors opted to attend places more suitable for their age. "In Chicago there were a lot of dance clubs that I had to be at least 18 to get into," Monica Adley, junior, said. "I ended up at Jubilation."

Waiting anxiously for their next birthday, juniors counted the years until adulthood. "I can't wait until I'm 18. Then I could go into the Over-18 section of the video store," Joel Breuker, junior, said.

Growing up meant acting more mature,

but some couldn't forget about cartoons, toys or coloring books. "I still like to go to Toys 'R' Us," Mary Kunkel, junior, said. "That's the only place I can act like a kid."

While some juniors enjoyed the last of their youth, others began to feel older and more mature. "I used to listen to 'Puff the Magic Dragon' a couple times a week as a kid," Bob Bogucki, junior, said. "I'm too old to listen to it now, but if I heard it I would probably still be able to hum a few bars!"

Even though juniors seemed too old for a day at Kiddie-Land, they still enjoyed child-like activities, such as playing with Legos. But for some juniors, the responsibilities of adulthood loomed ahead.

COLOR COORDINATED

During fifth hour study hall, Georgina Garcia, junior, tries to stay in the lines with her "Beauty and the Beast" coloring book. Juniors, still young at heart, took pleasure in watching cartoons and playing games.





Adley, Monica
Adoba, Elle
Agravall, Vivek
Alic, Maren
Alonzo, Anthony
Altschul, Adena
Anzur, Natalie
Arcella, Trudy
Arnold, Tonya
Baggett, Ian
Bailey, Chris

Baker, Matt
Balasia, Tim
Barker, Jason
Barton, Heather
Bazarko, Jason
Bendis, Jeff
Blacke, Stephanie
Blanchard, Karen
Blanco, Heather
Blees, Amanda
Blue, Laura

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Bogucki, John
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Breuer, Joel
Bretzke, Amy
Brown, Amy

Brown, David
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Burgess, Brad
Burley, John
Byrne, Julie
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Catt, Krista

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Cenko, Doug
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Diezi, Rob
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Drake, Reed
Duran, Michael
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Goodman, Greer
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Hernandez, Lisa

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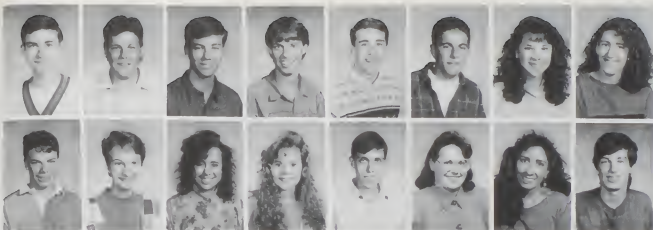
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Lee, Nickie
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Long, Samantha
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Luna, Larry
Lyons, Mark
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Marchese, Bob
Marinos, Elizabeth

Mask, Maribeth
Matuska, Todd
Maurer, Chris
Mayer, Mike
McCormick, Ryan
McHie, Jessica
Mendoza, Mike
Mertz, Matt





Mesterharm, Patrick
Mickow, Mike
Mikus, Jeff
Millies, Matt
Mlynarski, Phillip
Mohr, Mike
Molnar, Heather
Moore, Becky

Moore, Doug
Mucha, Amy
Muskun, Amy
Nairn, Valeri
Nelson, Josh
Niksch, Tina
Noel, Daphne
Nowakowski, Chris

OUT ON A LIMB

SHOOTING FOR FREE TIME

Twiddling thumbs, tapping nails, or yawning signified boredom among students. Too much free time often resulted in having nothing to do and caused juniors to search for ways to eliminate their lack of excitement, from relaxing to taking up a new hobby.

After flipping through every TV channel and finding nothing on, juniors thought of time-consuming activities to get rid of boredom. "Whenever I got bored I usually whipped out the Jane Fonda tape or just took a walk. But, I hardly ever found the time because I was always pretty busy," Amanda Bles, junior, said.

As the old saying goes, "Misery loves company." Surviving attacks of boredom seemed to work best among friends. When faced with dullness, juniors tried to conjure up creative and fun ways to drum up some excitement, often including their friends in their plans. "I bowled a lot with some of my friends when we were bored. Unfortunately for us, Stardust III became our hang-out," Pete Johnson, junior, said.

THE SKY IS THE LIMIT

As he attempts a layup in his driveway, Rob Conley, junior, polishes up on his basketball skills by shooting hoops by himself in his free time after school. Looking for something to occupy their time, juniors sometimes resorted to recreation and sports as an outlet for their energy and a cure for their boredom.

Juniors often tried to do something constructive with their extra time such as study for a test or volunteer for community services. "I escaped boredom by curling up with a good book and reading for an hour or two," Angie Kotso, junior, said.

Some students had simple, yet effective methods to cure a boredom attack. Indulging themselves with little pleasures helped alleviate boredom. "To overcome boredom I opened the fridge, took a good look inside and made myself a sandwich. Eating really worked for me," Monica Rastogi, junior, said.

Hobbies or special interests provided a way for juniors to avoid boredom as video games and gadgets provided a temporary escape. "I played Dungeons and Dragons with my friends when we got bored. We played for hours at a time," Doug Moore, junior, said.

Having nothing to do provided juniors with time to relax. Relaxing sometimes remedied students' boredom. "I was always doing something," Dan Covert, junior, said. "But, every once in a while I would catch some z's when there was nothing to do."

After thumbs started to tire and nails began to hurt, the Junior Class searched for new and innovative approaches to win the endless battle against boredom. Their minds, once again, wandered for creative ideas.

Olton, Eric
Orth, Chris
O'Shea, Lisa
Pacyga, Mara
Paik, Eugene
Park, Min
Parker, Marcia
Patil, Ajit

Paul, Sanjay
Faz, Brian
Poludniak, Scott
Pomroy, Dottie
Poppe, Kim
Prisby, Brian
Quasney, Amanda
Ramanna, Jennifer

Rastogi, Monica
Rawlings, Mike
Reidelbach, John
Rhodes, Wendy
Robbins, Derrick
Rosenberg, Sara
Rogan, Kellen
Rosales, Ulysses

Rosenthal, Brian
Rubin-Asch, Allyson
Rutz, Heather
Saks, Lisa
Santucci, Tony
Sarnecki, John
Schmitz, Kim
Schock, Amanda

Shah, Heena
Sheets, Jeff
Shutko, Alan
Sideris, Tom
Silgalis, Tiffany
Skoric, Biljana
Smith, Lachelle
Smith, Shaun

Smith, Shawna
Smolen, Craig
Smutzer, Rebecca
Song, Pat
Spalding, Gina
Sparber, Bradley
Spence, Michael
Staack, Rebecca

Starzak, Jason
Stennis, Mike
Stevens, Ed
Stewart, Mike
Stojkovich, Ryan
Stout, Melissa
Stugis, Eric
Svec, Carla

Szasz, Craig
Szymczak, Jennifer
Tarakey, Jamal
Thevein, Brian
Trovinger, Sharon
Ullinski, Margaret
Urban, Rick
Uzubell, Michelle

Vargo, Kim
Vrabel, Melissa
Wachowiak, Rachel
Wadle, Brad
Ward, Colleen
Ward, Jamie
Warda, Jen
Watson, Donielle



PASSING

TIME WITH FRIENDS



As the bell rings to signify the end of class, restless juniors file out of classrooms and make their way through the crowded halls to the Commons. Trying to avoid the circles of underclassmen, juniors hustled to meet with friends before the minute bell sounded. Whether finishing homework, chatting with friends or taking care of some unfinished business, juniors took advantage of time between classes.

Most students gathered in the Commons during passing periods. From lying on the cushions for a quick nap to watching an exciting game of hacky sack, juniors found the Commons a place to relax. "It's a great place for everyone to rest and talk," Becky Moore, junior, said. "And the benches made it a comfortable place to sit."

While some students socialized in the Commons, other students chose to finish last-minute reports and study for pop quizzes during passing periods. "I usually didn't feel like doing my homework at night, so I tried to finish all of it during each passing period,"

DID YA HEAR?

Sharing a few laughs, juniors Stephanie Hamel, Jason Chansler, and Karen Weidenfeller react to junior Joanna Gryn's joke. After sitting in class for 59 minutes, students welcomed the seven-minute passing periods which provided break.

Cathy Capic, junior, said.

Couples looked forward to the seven-minute break because it seemed like the only time they could talk to each other during school. "I looked forward to seeing my girlfriend at passing time," Shawn Smith, junior, said. "She wasn't in any of my classes so I missed her."

Instead of chatting with friends, some students used the seven minutes to run quick errands. "Since teachers didn't let us call our parents during class, I called during a passing period," Adena Altschul, junior, said. "It was the only time I could call my mother and tell her my plans and find out what her plans were for the day."

With 59 minutes of class time, students appreciated the passing time, but they often wished it could last longer since socializing caught their interest more than taking five pages of chemistry notes did. "Passing periods should be longer because it's necessary to talk to people in the halls on the way to class," Andy Deren, junior, said. "It's the only time I get to see my friends, and that's a short period of time!"

When the minute bell rang, juniors disappeared from the Commons and drifted slowly into their designated classrooms, dreading the 59 minutes until the next passing period.



Weaver, Todd
Weidenfeller, Karin
Wells, Robert
Westerfield, Paul
White, Doug
Wiatrowski, Christy
Wilke, Wendy
Wilson, Bill

Wittkamp, Matt
Wujek, Lynn
Zambo, Miranda
Zatorski, Amy
Zawada, Jim
Zubay, Cheryl

Adamopoulos, Gus
Adams, David
Adams, Jessica
Alcala, Charlie
Ambos, Sarah
Amdahl, Kristi
Andreshak, Laura
Apat, Kristin

Archer, Brandi
Arethas, Nicole
Bacha, Natalie
Baciu, Jeanine
Bagull, Jeff
Bainbridge, Dawn
Baker, Andrew
Bale, Steve

Barai, Sujata
Barber, Robert
Barber, Tom
Bareng, Ed
Bareng, Melvin
Baretz, Susie
Barrow, Kitty
Begonia, Jennifer

Bieszczat, Jennifer
Bilimoria, Karl
Block, Jamie
Bognar, Tim
Bohling, Chad
Boilek, Tom
Bonnar, Brent
Boonyapreddee, Maytee

Bovara, Gina
Boyle, Kate
Boyle, Susie
Brackett, Jeremie
Brennan, Barbara
Brown, Amanda
Budarz, Beth
Budzik, Laura

Buikema, Amy
Burrell, Tony
Byczko, Charissa
Byrne, Alison
Cabagnot, Roque
Caddick, Brad
Campbell, Brigitte
Carlson, Renee

Carlson, Susan
Chansler, Beth
Chen, Sea
Chronowski, John
Cleve, John
Compton, CJ
Conklin, Keith
Conley, John

Connor, Ralph
Costa, Michelle
Costino, Shawn
Coyle, Jennifer
Crepeau, Michelle
Cullen, Daria
Cushing, Jenny
Czapla, Amy

Damjanovich, Amy
Darrington, Tony
Darrow, Angie
Davidson, Ron
Davis, Jody
Davis, Kevin
Depra, David
Dobrescu, Cosmin



BASKING IN ADDICTIONS



Feeling the need to turn on a Walkman during study hall or arriving late to class due to lines at the vending machines, sophomores had addictions to satisfy at home and at school.

Some sophomores couldn't go without a certain snack for a minute, so they often dropped fifty cents in the vending machine for their favorite treat or brought one from home. "I love Oreo cookies," Melinda Robbins, sophomore, said. "I brought them to school because by second hour I was craving them."

Students often found themselves

with their ears glued to a Walkman 24 hours a day, unable to get enough of their favorite performers. "I need music because it shows how I feel, especially Paul Butterfield," Matt Saltanovitz, sophomore, said. "If there was no more music in the world, I'd create my own."

Exercising and dieting became an addiction for some sophomores when they couldn't stay away from fruits and vegetables or from the weight room. "If I went a day without exercising or I ate something with a zillion calories, I usually wouldn't eat for a day," Kristie Amdahl, sophomore said.

Whether students packed a Barnone bar to tame the "Chocolate Beastie" inside of them or spent hours on their Stairmaster, they satisfied their addictions from morning until night.

I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM

Not worrying about his appetite, Eric Trzupsek, sophomore, satisfies his craving for Baskin Robbins bananas' n' strawberry ice cream, his favorite flavor. From food to music, students found addictions they couldn't live without.



Doerner, Ray
Dorka, Chris
Dotlich, Milan
Dovellios, Michael
Dumaresq, Aaron
Dunn, John
Dorta, Andy
East, Kelly

Echterling, Christ
Economou, Matt
Economou, Peter
Edington, Karen
Edwards, Candace
Eldridge, Brian
Ewers, Scott
Fekete, Mike

Fesko, Tim
Finwall, Jenna
Firrek, Nicole
Florczak, Joe
Fortin, Chris
Fowler, Jace
Fox, Shawna
Fulk, Matt

Gasich, Alexandra
Gasparovic, Galy
Glueckert, April
Goldyn, Shirley
Gomez, Tracy
Gonzales, Robert
Gordon, Shoshana
Gralewski, Mark

Greenbaum, Jason
Gricus, Sandi
Growden, Genia
Guerrero, Victor
Hajduk, Phil
Hanas, Carrie
Hankin, David
Hansen, Amy

Hardy, Kristina
Harwood, Robin
Hecimovich, Jaime
Hemingway, Patty
Hendrickson, Robert
Hesek, Deborah
Ho, Eugenia
Hoekema, Caryn

Holka, Steve
Holland, Alison
Hooker, Bradley
Hough, Mike
Houser, Tracey
Hulse, Burt
Hundley, Leslie
Hurley, Bob

Iglar, Katy
Jabaay, Amy
Jabaay, Kathleen
Jaderna, Jason
Jez, Mike
Johnson, Ben
Johnson, Kristin
Johnston, Kimberley

Justak, Christine
Kaim, Michelle
Kaiser, Kevin
Kaiser, Stephen
Kapala, Jean
Kaplanis, Elizabeth
Karalis, Helen
Keith, Rebecca

Kelly, Kristin
Kesslin, Thomas
Kim, John
Kime, Eric
Kirincic, Steve
Klaich, Jason
Kozubal, Kyle
Kras, Cheryl

Krieger, Lisa
Kroccek, Stephen
Kulas, Andrew
Kunelis, Christine
Kunelis, Harry
Kutansky, Ryan
Legaspi, Frances
Lesniak, Erica

LeVan, Jim
Lewis, Gabrielle
Liming, Tim
Long, Robert
Lucas, Corey
Lukas, Carolyn
Lukas, Catherine
Mackanos, Mark

Magliola, Ron
Mangus, Pete
Manous, Rebecca
Marco, Dominic
Marshall, Becky
Matucha, Scott
Mayer, Steve
Mayes, Art





McEwen, Jason
Mead, Christina
Metz, Amy
Meyers, Mark
Michel, Jaime
Miller, Doug
Miller, Eric
Mladenovic, Lilly

Moore, Gaston
Moritz, Bethany
Mullins, Angela
Musklin, Jaime
Musleh, Aber
Mybeck, Matthew
Nairn, Steven
Newsom, Natalee

Noel, Candy
Nosich, Jeff
Nowak, Kris
Oblon, Cheryl
O'Connor, Lynn
Ortiz, Edward
Papendick, Keith
Park, Gar

JUST FOR KICKS

HANDS ON EXPERIENCE

After spending 15 hours of sitting in a classroom, driving 6 hours with instructors, and taking 2 written exams, a driver's license seemed like a long awaited reward almost within reach.

Obtaining a license did not automatically guarantee freedom as sophomores had to wait for certain driving privileges. "The first month I couldn't leave Munster," Becky Marshall, sophomore, said. "Now I go wherever I want since they trust me."

Begging parents for use of the car often took a toll on sophomores' daily plans. "I had to watch my little brothers or clean my room in order to use the car," Steve Mayer, sophomore, said.

Looking on the bright side, sophomores made the most of running er-

rands for their parents. "I didn't really mind having to do things for my parents because at least I got to drive," Barb Brennan, sophomore, said.

Sophomores crammed unlicensed friends into their cars after school for a ride home. "Every once in a while I took a group of friends home after school," Tom Boilek, sophomore, said. "I ended up driving across town."

Having a car allowed sophomores to get where they needed to go. "I usually left right after school to go to work," Kristin Apato, sophomore, said. "It was easier for my mom to just give me the car instead of coming to get me."

When filling an empty tank left sophomores penniless, they resorted to asking friends to pitch in for gas money. "Sometimes I had my friends give me a few bucks for the gas tank," Jason Greenbaum, sophomore, said.

Despite the numerous hours of driving with parents and instructors, finally being able to drive alone ended up a reality for sophomores.

BUCKLE UP

With Super Savers in mouth, Barbara Brennan, sophomore, buckles up before going to Banner Foods to pick up some milk for her mom. Sophomores who had the privilege to drive ran errands for their parents in order to prove themselves worthy of use of the car for the evening.

BEYOND BELIEF

ANY WAY YOU SLICE IT

Although not featured in the Time-Life book "Mysteries of the Unexplored," just as many unusual and interesting happenings occur here every day.

Used to predictable weekends, students managed to retain their sanity by finding odd things to do. "My friends and I often played games to pass time," Bryan Zweig, sophomore, said. "We got into many intense battles in 'Axis and Allies'; also the Ouija Board made for late evenings."

Peculiar rituals and superstitions added an unexpected twist to a run-of-the-mill situation.

"When my friends and I played cards, Bob (Kunelis) would light three candles before he got his playing hand," Tim Semchuck, sophomore, said. "He thought it would bring good luck."

Despite the droughts of excitement, students found weird occurrences no matter where they looked. "My mom and I drove to Southlake Mall, I looked over at the car next to us and saw Big Bird driving the car," Brigitte Campbell, sophomore, said.

Besides bizarre events, habits caused students to take a second look. Unearthly eating patterns

allowed students to freak out their classmates. "I usually enjoyed a nice ketchup sandwich," Ryan Popa, sophomore, said. "It always got my buddies wound up."

Finishing the final page in the chapter, the student places the book on the shelf to collect dust, but strange events still remain a part of their everyday lives.

BON APPETITE

To fill up after weight training Ryan Popa, sophomore, scarfs down a few ketchup sandwiches. Students ate strange foods to satisfy their hunger and tease their taste buds.





Patel, Sweetu
 Patel, Deepak
 Pelc, Lauren
 Pesich, Carolyn
 Petrovich, Mary
 Phillips, Angela
 Pondusa, Eric
 Popa, Ryan
 Poplawski, Shelley
 Porras, Omar

Pursel, Ruth
 Quagliara, Matthew
 Quasney, Nikole
 Rasch, Amy
 Rawlings, Ann
 Regeski, Linda
 Renwald, Edward
 Riccio, Josef
 Rivzi, Iram
 Robbins, Melinda

Robbins, Melissa
 Robinson, Radley
 Roman, Joe
 Ronco, Peter
 Ross, Brian
 Rossin, Arlene
 Rudy, Mark
 Russell, Jennifer
 Sakoutis, Maria
 Saltanovitz, Matthew

Samudra, Yogini
 Scheffel, Laura
 Schoop, Adam
 Scott, David
 Segeleon, Michelle
 Semchuck, Timothy
 Senchak, Holly
 Shah, Chirag
 Shah, Julie
 Shah, Lisa

Shah, Vikas
 Simcoe, Andrea
 Simon, Kurt
 Simpson, Catherine
 Suskula, Heather
 Slazek, Erik
 Smith, Adrian
 Smith, Barry
 Smith, Troy
 Solos, Jim

Spence, Philip
 Stalmack, Todd
 Stojkovich, Eric
 Stover, Amy
 Sun, Judy
 Swanson, Eric
 Swardson, Amie
 Szyrczak, Gregory
 Szyrczak, Jennifer
 Tabion, Daniel

Talabay, Grant
 Tan, Ian
 Tanco, Kelly
 Thevenin, Emily
 Tomco, Christopher
 Torabi, Peymon
 Tosiou, Athena
 Tracy, Robert
 Trzupke, Eric
 Tulowitzki, Steve

Uzubell, David
 VanDeraa, Elizabeth
 Vliek, Brad
 Vogt, Jason
 Vusk, Joseph
 Wagner, Tiffany
 Wasem, Ashley
 Watterson, Corrie
 Weber, Kristin
 Wesner, Pamela

Wierzbinski, Dana
 Willis, Grady
 Wilson, Daniel
 Wozniakowski, Lisa
 Wright, Frank
 Yehner, Terrance
 Yuraitis, Natalie
 Zatorski, Marusz
 Zimmerman, Stephen
 Zweig, Bryan

Adamopoulos, Dino
Adamopoulos, Penny
Adams, Man Dee
Alters, Jeff
Anzur, Tom
Baran, Holly
Barber, Cindy
Barkowski, Jill



Barrow, Annie
Bartok, Nikki
Bazarko, Tony
Beckman, Megan
Bertagnolli, Angela
Blacke, Sara
Blackstone, Julie
Blanco, Rodney



Blissmer, Crystal
Bochnowski, Matt
Bohling, Amy
Boilek, Ryan
Bonnar, Steven
Boonyapreddee, Kawan
Bosnich, Rodney
Boufis, Ted



Boyle, Amy
Branch, Daniel
Brickman, Julie
Brooks, Jason
Broukal, Eric
Burghardt, Susan
Byrne, Danny
Carlos, Luigi



Carter, Donald
Castor, Yvette
Chand, Jay
Chughtai, Asim
Columbo, Mike
Compton, Nathan
Conley, Sara
Cornelson, Amy



Cowgill, Brandi
Coyne, Colleen
Crowley, Michael
Cumpston, Kimberly
Dagenais, Jennifer
Daugherty, Jenny
Dausch, Adam
Demitroulas, Kristin



Derderian, Russel
Detterline, A.J.
DeVries, Jeff
Doherty, Jason
Dominik, Karen
Dorka, Joshua
Dumakowski, Jeff
Dunn, Julie



Durham, Peter
Ellis, Brendan
Erikson, Katie
Falaschetti, Angela
Fant, Tracy
Ferrata, Karen
Figurski, Kaii
Fisher, Kristin



Folta, Amy
Forburger, Natalie
Foushi, John
Fowler, Lorrie
Frailich, Danny
Franklin, Joel
Frankowiak, Michelle
Furdek, Joey



DRIVING THEM CRAZY

Unlicensed drivers searched impatiently through crowded hallways in hopes of finding a student with a set of car keys. Quarters, nickels and dimes fell rapidly in the pay phone slots in hopes of reaching someone at home to pick them up.

Like most students, freshmen carried wallets which included a few bills, a library card, and possibly a social security card. But the moneybag did not contain one necessary card—the license. With bike tires flat and moped gas tanks empty, freshmen cried out for others' help. "I don't like being dependent on other people, but it's the only way to get around to places," Melissa Walsh, freshman, said.

Groans and moans from drivers echoed throughout the house when a fresh-

men repeatedly asked the question "Can you take me there?" But some parents understood their children's requests for rides and granted them. "My parents understand that I need to go places sometimes," Doug Rathert, freshman, said. "So they don't object when I ask for a ride."

Chauffeur-ing teens to the library or basketball practice added to a parent's chore list, while some turned to car pooling. "I look at it as a way of helping them," Mrs. Ellen Folta, mother of freshman Amy, said. "But if I ever decide to give up teaching, I can use the many years of transporting my three children as a job reference for a taxi cab driver."

As the phone rang on and on with no one home, the boy headed out the door for the long walk home.

CALL WAITING

Tired of waiting around for his ride, Tim Rutz, freshman, pesters his older sister Heather, junior, to get off the phone. Underclassmen approached older siblings for a ride when parents had other obligations.

READY TO ROLL

Taking advantage of the nice weather, freshmen Vicky Levan and Michelle Torreano catch a ride to River Oaks with senior Adam Torreano. Too young to drive, freshmen had to be creative when searching for a ride.



Gambetta, Dan
Garzinski, Ryan
Casich, Natasha
Gurnis, Ben
Glassco, Brian
Gonzales, Nicole
Gordon, Tim
Grabski, Mark



Gust, Brent
Gutierrez, Christal
Hajduk, Jim
Hamel, Shannon
Heaney, Kelly
Hinshaw, Mark
Hirsch, Lynn
Hooegeveen, Dennis



Horvath, Amanda
Hough, Denise
Hough, Donna
Houser, Erin
Hroch, Joe
Hunt, Tim
Jackson, Tara
Jacob, Julie



Jagadich, Chris
Joens, Jessica
Johnson, Jody
Johnson, Kevin
Kalwasinski, Matt
Katz, Whitney
Kaufman, Jessica
Keilman, Scott



Keith, Michelle
Keslin, Colette
Kim, Dan
Kim, Sunah
King, Melanie
Kobe, Jeff
Koh, Minna
Korthauer, Ryan



Kouros, George
Kozlowski, Garrett
Kraay, Dara
Kras, Nathan
Krol, Elizabeth
Kumamoto, Ryohai
Kusiak, Shaun
LaHa, John



Lalich, Angie
Larson, Katie
Lasbury, Nora
Lee, Angie
Lemon, Jennifer
Levan, Vicky
Levin, Abby
Lewis, Judy



Loh, Davin
Loprich, Kristine
Lucas, Corey
Lumbrazo, Lauren
Mancari, Tina
Mandel, Angela
Mangus, John
Marsh, Chris



Martich, Natalie
Maurer, Greg
Mavronickes, Beth
May, Hedi
McCormick, Holli
McCormick, Lisa
McCullough, Kathy
Melby, John





Mendoza, Paula
Mendoza, Rich
Mikolajis, Jason
Miller, Joy
Mohammed, Ghadir
Moore, Owen
Morrison, Sean
Morrow, Jack

Nebelsiek, Jacki
Nellans, Jennifer
Nelson, John
Nelson, Paul
Nowakowski, Jeff
Nowlan, Jill
O'Connor, Jeff
Ortiz, Rudy

BREAKING NEW GROUND

COMING TO TERMS

Vulgar names and dirty looks exchange during the seven minute passing period. Family feuds infiltrate through the halls once again. Occasionally, siblings reconciled with a truce, but often the war raged on.

When not at war, high school gave siblings a chance to become friends. Freshmen hung out with older siblings to explore weekend fun. "I'm glad that I have an older sister that's cool," Tom Anzur, freshman, said. "We get along. She doesn't just blow me off."

Older brothers and sisters helped explain an assignment or show their siblings around. "Cathy had been here for four years and knew everything," Colette Keslin, freshman, said. "She helped me a lot with school stuff like homework."

Freshmen often turned to their siblings for gossip when they wanted the latest scoop. "It was easier to come to high school because my sister (Susie) and I talked about everything," Amy Boyle, freshman, said. "That's how I found out stuff about teachers, classes and people."

Although having an older brother or

sister at school made things easier, it didn't always work to freshmen's advantage. "The only disadvantage of having Tim (senior) at school was that when he got in trouble, everybody thought I'd be just like him," Angela Bertagnoli, freshman, said.

Comparison between family members aggravated freshmen when they tried to make a name for themselves. "One teacher told me to be more like my sister and talk," Angie Lee, freshman, said.

Trying to live up to older siblings' reputations put underclassmen in a bind. "My sister is really outgoing. Sometimes I feel that because of that, I have to be, too," Rodney Blanco, freshman, said.

Teachers realized that each sibling had his own identity. "I look at each student as an individual," Mrs. Renee Kouris, English teacher, said.

Though having another family member in the same school helped some freshmen, others detested the harassment that came along with it. "Once in a while my brother, Craig (junior), will throw me against a locker or something," Jeff Kobe, freshman, said.

With battles behind them, helpless freshmen felt relieved. Less dependent and more confident as the year progressed, the high school rookies got by with help from older siblings.

READY TO ROLL

Ready for a ride Elizabeth Krol and Crystal Blissmer, freshmen, tear older brother Steve Krol, junior, away from the sports section of the newspaper. Younger siblings often infringed on older siblings time when they needed transportation.



FOLLOWING THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Unsuspecting students stumbled into school hoping to encounter a new world. Much to their surprise, freshmen found high school myths often exaggerated.

Hoping for excitement, freshmen found that school failed to meet expectations. "I always assumed high school would be fun and we'd always have something to do, but

MAKE A POINT

Confused about the location of his class, Brian Rucinski, freshman, asks Melissa Sanders, senior, for directions. The administration placed red direction signs in hallways to help students find their way around.

it was just a bigger middle school," Abby Levin, freshman, said.

Not always out to get freshmen, older students shattered myths of cruel seniors. "I wasn't mean to freshmen," Missy Sanders, senior, said. "I knew some from parties. They seemed pretty nice."

Despite some pleasant surprises, freshmen encountered some unfortunate instances at high school. "I had no idea where anything was. There were so many people and those red direction signs didn't help," Danny Fralich, freshman, said.

Not as gullible as they seemed, freshmen refused to believe everything they heard. "I don't believe that we're all that stupid enough to believe lies from upperclassmen," Whitney Katz, freshman, said.

With a little adjustment, freshmen soon grew accustomed to high school. "After I stopped walking into the wrong classes and I remembered my locker combo, things got a little better," Jim Pavao, freshman, said.

As the year came to a close, freshmen advanced to sophomores and a different group of newcomers entered the school.



Ortman, David
Palazzo, Christopher
Palmer, Barnard
Paul, Arvin
Pavao, Jim
Feiser, Ken
Petrungaro, Jason
Pfister, Jill

Piekarski, Courtney
Piniak, Tim
Pinnamaneni, Sunil
Preslin, Aaron
Puchalski, Christine
Pujo, Milosh
Punttilo, Jennifer
Puterko, Heather

Quinn, Kristin
Kahmany, Sheak
Ramos, Jen
Rathert, Doug
Reppen, Todd
Ribble, Eric
Rickersen, John
Roades, Eric





Ross, Jennifer
Rossi, Steven
Rucinski, Brian
Rudd, Stephanie
Ruhl, Dennis
Rutz, Tim
Ryband, Bo
Saliga, George



Samardzic, Bob
Sampias, Mark
Sandoval, Claudia
Santner, Elliot
Sarnecki, Carolyn
Schatz, Jamie
Schimming, Rachel
Schoen, Jessica



Schultz, Chuck
Semko, Jill
Shah, Parshv
Shepp, Jaci
Shideler, Sean
Simonetto, Jarrod
Sindall, Katie
Sirois, Richard



Situ, Xiu Juan
Situ, Ying
Skaggs, Jeff
Smith, Candy
Smith, Kim
Smith, Shelly
Smolen, Jeremy
Smundin, Christina



Spomar, Tim
Stalmack, Allison
Stassen, Kathryn
Steinhauer, Jason
Sus, Joe
Szurgot, Tim
Taber, Joshua
Thomas, Keith



Thomas, Leslie
Torreano, Michelle
Ugent, Jason
Uher, Karen
Urban, Micah
Urdua, Nadia
Van Bokkelen, Brian
Van Deraa, Jessica



Van Klavern, Derek
Van Vessen, Joshua
Vanator, Ross
Vaughn, Howard
Vohra, Uma
Voukidiis, Marika
Wadle, Doug
Wadychi, Carrie



Walsh, Melissa
Weaver, Sara
Weber, Jos
White, Jennifer
Whiteley, Jim
Wilhite, Chris
Williams, Don
Witham, Nikki



Witkus, Laura
Wojciechowski, Tony
Wojtowich, Chris
Woodrick, Meghan
Yarchan, Rebecca
Zabanneh, Samer
Zubay, Mike

CAN WE TALK

Approaching her front porch, the teacher searched aimlessly through her purse for her key. As she opened the door, she hoped to hear delightful greetings from familiar faces. After a long day at school, teachers had thoughts of relaxation and intentions of spending time with their families.

While some teachers tried to ignore school work to fit in family time, others found attending to school work became time spent together. "Whether at home or at school, my kids love to grade papers with me," Mrs. Linda Lemon, English teacher said. "Other times we do our homework together."

Whether out on the town or just escaping from the house, teachers took time enjoy different scenery besides the classroom they see everyday. Outside activities ranged from a day at the mall to going to the movies.

"My husband and I are real movie fans," Mrs. Marsha Weiss, guidance counselor, said. "We frequently see

movies and decided to take our daughter with us. We've turned her into a movie buff just like ourselves."

While some teachers didn't feel like a night on the town, they chose to stay home with the family. Sharing household duties allowed teachers to spend time with their families. "My family and I have housework and duties to do," Mrs. Linda Elman, Spanish teacher said. "My kids do it 'Mom's' way or suffer the consequences."

Finding no family at home, she picked up the remote control, loosened her shoes and watched "Family Feud". The couch that had once been empty now contained a relaxed teacher who sipped her coffee peacefully.

MOTHERLY ADVICE

Interrupted from studying for her doctorate in Spanish Literature, Mrs. Linda Elman, Spanish teacher, gives speech tips to her daughter Amanda, junior. Teachers not only had duties to perform at school, but they also had their share of responsibilities at home.



Mrs. Jennifer Albright: Main Office secretary, Senior Class co-sponsor
Mrs. Kelli Appel: Special Education
Mrs. Mary Auburn: School nurse
Mrs. Shirley Bond: Special Education aide
Mrs. Margaret Booth: Orchestra Director, Senior Class co-sponsor
Mrs. Phyllis Braun: Guidance counselor



Mrs. Elaine Burbich: Audio Visual and Science Department secretary
Mr. Phil Clark: World Literature, English 11
Mrs. Karen Cook: North Office/Attendance Secretary
Mrs. Nancy Crepeau: Special Education aid
Mr. Bruce Curme: Physics, AP Physics, Academic Competition Club
Mr. John Edington: Science Department Chairman, Environmental Science, AP Biology, Biology, Aquarium Club



Mrs. Linda Elman: Spanish, Asst. Speech Coach
Mrs. Helen Engstrom: English 11, Speech, Speech Competition, Head Speech Coach, National Forensic League
Mr. Doug Fie: Composition, English 10
Mr. Don Fortner: Typing 1,2, Business Law, Accounting, Business Management, Asst. Speech Coach, Asst. Freshman Girls' Volleyball Coach
Mr. Dave Franklin: Biology, Microbiology, Asst. Varsity Football Coach
Mrs. Terri Gasaway: Special Education



LENDING A HAND

While nine-year-old Corey decorates "A+" papers, his mother Mrs. Linda Lemon, English teacher, supervises his work. Teachers' children enjoyed visiting their parent's classroom, as well as playing the role of teachers.



Mrs. Patricia Golubewski English 10,
World Literature
Mrs. Marge Gonc: Audio Visual Director
Mr. Jeff Graves: Chemistry
Mr. Ross Hallen: U.S. History, Modern World
History, Asst. Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach
Mrs. Nancy Hastings: Journalism, Crier,
Panoply, Quill and Scroll
Mrs. Kelly Haussman: Biology, Chemistry,
Junior Class sponsor

Mr. Art Haverstock Environmental Science,
Biology, Botany, Zoology
Mr. Richard Holmberg Music Department
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ON THE ROLL



When the bell rang at 2:45 p.m., 62 teachers began to gather their things in hopes of leaving school and rushing home to enjoy some quiet time for themselves. Lingering ideas of ungraded papers left their mind. Hobbies and outside interests paved the way for after school activities.

Students tended to forget that teachers led lives outside of school. Whether actively participating in their favorite sport or entertaining outside interests, teachers searched for something to occupy their time. "I like bowling. It's a good winter sport," Mr. Jeff Graves, chemistry teacher, said.

Trying to squeeze relaxation into a hectic schedule didn't come easy. Work completion scored high on teachers' priority lists. "When I have time, I like to read a lot. But, I have a lot of papers to grade first," Mrs. Pat Golubiewski, English teacher, said.

Free time gave teachers the chance to look for new, exciting aspects of themselves. Discovering new talents often gave teachers a boost of confidence. "I

never really considered myself athletic. Playing tennis made me realize that I could do something," Mrs. Charlene Tsoutsouris, Spanish teacher, said.

Trying to fatten their wallets often filled up precious hours of free time. According to Mrs. Linda Scheffer, home economics teacher, a good game of bingo could always add to the cash flow. "The most I ever won in one evening was \$250! It was amazing!"

While pursuing outside interests and concentrating on fulfilling aspirations, teachers used free time to their advantage. "I'm in the process of writing a book. I've completed nine chapters," Mrs. Louise Rhodes, special education teacher, said. "This is something I've always wanted to do."

The moment the alarm clock blared, teachers bounced out of bed and began running around the house hastily gathering their things together. As they arrived at school, they heard cheerful greetings from their students. Again the time came to resume teaching.

PENNY PINCHER

Bargaining for the bottom dollar, Mrs. Linda Scheffer, foods teacher, searches for a cents off coupon while shopping for school supplies for her foods classes. Teachers found themselves spending hours outside of school to complete necessary school work.

STRIKE A POSE

Spending his Monday night free time at Stardust Bowl 3, Mr. Jeff Graves, chemistry teacher, concentrates on his approach. Sport activities helped teachers relax after a long day at school.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

In an attempt to rile up Mustang fans, Mr. John Tennant, Athletic Director, speaks to students during an assembly. Administrative responsibilities ranged from student discipline and Design Team meetings to raising school spirit.



FIRE UP

Sporting his fireman's helmet, Mr. Richard Sopko, assistant principal, participates in Homecoming Spirit Week festivities. Administrators expressed the importance of student involvement by also playing an active role in scholastic and extracurricular activities.



TIME OUT

With an extra five minutes remaining during passing period, Roy Jain, senior, pauses to discuss half day Homecoming festivities with Dr. Kevin McCaffrey, principal. Administrators were willing to hear students out on everything from questions to criticism.



FUTURE: POINT OF FOCUS

Secretaries in the Superintendent's office fielded calls of every nature, the Guidance Office scheduled appointments to counsel students and the Main Office called students to report to one of the offices leaving never a dull moment for any of the administrators.

Amongst the hustle of the day-to-day routine, time was available to enjoy the job. Mr. Bill Pfister, new superintendent, began his term on an enthusiastic note. "Anytime you take on a new position you want to get the adrenaline pumping," Mr. Pfister said.

Mr. Pfister planned to continue and improve the program, including the Institution of Development of Education of Activities (IDEA) and the School Improvement Team (SIT) programs. "To me, my experience in different posi-

tions of administration will help us to continue and finish work of the former superintendents," Mr. Pfister said.

Assistant principal Mr. James Bawden, Guidance Department chairman, shared similar ideas with Mr. Pfister. "My goals are to continue to improve guidance services to students, and to work with the School Improvement Design Teams to implement short and long-term goals for future years," Mr. Bawden said.

Earning an Indiana 2000 School distinction and a \$25,000 grant helped the high school bypass state requirements and focus on the future.

"Right now MHS is in a transition, moving from its traditional approach to educating students to a school which reflects the goals established by our teams of teachers, students, non-certified personnel, parents, community members and administrators," Dr. Kevin McCaffrey, principal, said.

These teams explored possible changes in instructional strategies and scheduling. The

goals established by the teams include providing flexibility in scheduling; initiating a home-room advisory program; forming a Principal's Advisory Committee; developing improved teaching methods; and inviting student ownership through self-directed learning.

"We're moving toward a school where students become more active, self-directed learners and adults become more connected with the physical, emotional and intellectual development of teenagers," Dr. McCaffrey said.

Students, like administrators, consider their involvement in the SIT program important to them. "It gives me a chance to interact with teachers and parents and to improve the school by giving my input and being a part of the decision making process," Mike Mayer, junior said.

With the concept of implementing and improving, the administrators strived to better the educational system and the academic surrounding for students now and in the future.

FATHER FIGURE

Anticipating a win, Mr. Bill Pfister, superintendent, watches his daughter swim in a home meet. Although busy with meetings and duties, administrators found time to lend encouragement to their families.



LET'S DO LUNCH

During A Lunch, Mr. Jack King, Dean of Students, makes his cafeteria rounds and reminds juniors Doug Cenko and John Edington to clean up their lunch mess. Teachers assigned to lunch duty spent their time patrolling the tables.

WORDS OF WISDOM

To inform students of college opportunities, Mr. James Bawden, assistant principal, helps junior Cara Hilt narrow her choices. Computer print outs and encouraging words combined to ease student apprehension.



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Doing their part to serve the community, students participated in blood drives, food drives and community projects and provided entertainment in parades, plays and the Holiday Choral Concert.

extremes to have a good time, students looked both outside and inside the town boundaries for things to do and places to go. And in spite of all the complaints of boredom in "Funster," in terms of finding excitement, there was definitely *more than you bargained for*.

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As the minute bell rings, a towering, lanky boy stumbles clumsily into his classroom, ducking on his way through the door to avoid hitting his head. Down the hallway a tiny girl stands on her tiptoes as she struggles to retrieve her books from the top shelf of her locker. Whether 4'8" or 6'4", students tried to make the most out of their respective heights.

Short students struggled with the downside of their height, as they found their small statures an inconvenient hindrance. "The only problem is that short people have to roll up their jeans a lot more than everyone else," Kevin Ferguson, senior, said. "One of the advantages is that when you're short, girls always seem to pin the 'cute' label on you. Then again, that might not be all that good anyway."

Other students managed to find a bright spot to their shortness. "I don't really look at being short as a disadvantage because I've been short all my life and that's all I've known," Kristan Hatton, junior, said. "By now I'm used to it."

At the other extreme, tall students had to look for someone to match their height as well as the other date criteria. "I hate being tall," Heidi May, freshman, said. "Not only all my friends, but also a lot of the guys are shorter than I am."

However, some tall students found an advantage in towering over their peers. "The biggest advantage of being tall is that when I'm around smaller people, I can dominate the situation and intimidate them very easily," Bob Raduenzel, senior, said.

Finding a way to cope with their ups and downs in the height department, students realized that, whether looking high or low, they could almost always measure up to par.

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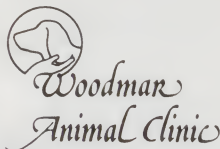
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Steve Krol, junior; Bob Bogucki, junior; CJ Compton, sophomore; Alex Floutis, '91; John Bogucki, junior; Jamie Ward, junior; Brad Wadde, junior; Amy Piniak, senior; Grady Willis, sophomore; and Jen Kocal, senior.



(front row) Jessica McHie, junior; Heather Newton, senior; Amy Brown, junior; Maragaret Ewing, senior. (second row) Lisa Cohen, senior; Natalie Anzur, junior; Kristin Apato, sophomore; Shoshana Gordon, sophomore; Candy Noel, sophomore. (standing) Michelle Layer, senior; Beth Farkas, junior; Tina Niksch, junior; Deb Yarovsky, '91; Jason Greenbaum, sophomore; Eric Stojkovich, sophomore; Steven Mayer, sophomore; Daphne Noel, junior; Jason Zweig, '91; Andy Baker, sophomore; Jeremie Brackett, sopho-

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Cheerful students could usually find time in the morning to do something which they enjoyed. Whether savoring a hot breakfast or watching an early cartoon, students took advantage of any spare time before they left for school. "I believe I am peppy in the morning because I usually hit the rack early, and almost every morning I take a short jog to get my engine started for the rest of the day," Eric Stojkovich, sophomore, said.

MORNING VS. NIGHT

Students who found themselves coming alive with the night often fought the urge to hurl their alarm clocks across the room. "I was forced into an evening person because of two things: I hated Mr. Fort's first hour history class, and I am lazy; consequently, I never start my homework until after 10 p.m.," Jamie Ward, junior, said.

As the morning approached, students found themselves hoping for an extra five minutes of sleep. "I hate the morning because every time I wake up, I am extremely tired, and my mind is never working right," Carolyn Tweedle, senior, said. "Sometimes I do not even know what day it is."

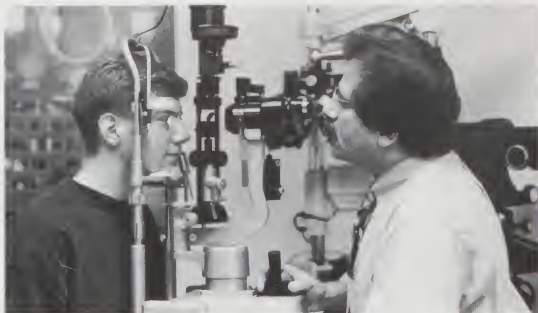
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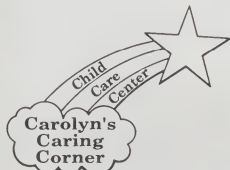
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MORE THAN WE BARGAINED FOR ALPHABET SOUP

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Students found that their last names influenced many things, including everything from the location of their lockers to their positions on a class seating chart. Some took advantage of their last names and the alphabetical order. "I loved to sit in the front row," Mandy Blees, junior, said. "It was a lot easier to kiss up to the teachers."

With their class schedules also filled out alphabetically, students discovered that the broad choice of classes diminished as the end of the alphabet came around. "I've heard the same thing for three years now," Sara Weinberg, senior, said. "I'm always told, 'Foods is already filled up, but psychology would be a challenging class.'"

Some students decided that their last names had problems other than just the first letter, as length and complicated spelling seemed more trouble than alphabetical order. "I really don't care what letter my last name starts with," Maytee Boonyapreddee, sophomore, said. "The only complaint that I have about it is the spelling."

Whether starting at the beginning or rounding out the last few letters, most students usually found their alphabetical extremities somewhat beneficial. "Being at the end of the alphabet has its ups and downs," Mike Zubay, freshman said. "But I figure the best should always wait till last."

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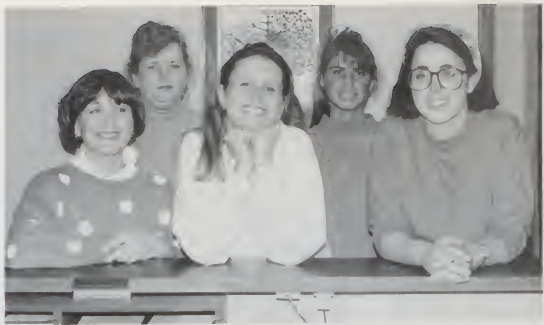


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Call it chivalry, call it chauvinism. By any name, the "Battle of the Sexes" has plagued the world for years. Teens engaged in combat in the war and found walking the front lines difficult.

The "Battle" flared each time one sex assumed superiority over the other. Then a war of words erupted in order to prove equality. "Women can do just about everything as well as men. It ticks me off to hear guys talk about how good they are and how bad girls are," Mary Kunkel, junior, said.

Since men usually felt they received more abuse than women, they tried to back up all their statements. Boys looked to defend themselves

from insults with a quick wit and a sharp tongue. "There are no women in AP (Advanced Placement) Physics. They can't handle it," Jeremy Lundin, senior, said. "They aren't logical enough for the types of problems we cover."

Teens looking to keep an open mind followed the position of Switzerland and stayed neutral during the battle. "When it's over, I'll tell if I like the outcome," Steve Rossi, freshman, said.

Some students decided they would keep clear of the battlefield and wait for the outcome. Many had their own opinions on who would remain victorious. "It doesn't matter. Let the guys think they're superior. Girls know the truth," Beth Van Deraa, sophomore, said.

The "Battle of the Sexes" rages on, and those who get caught up in the lines know that it takes few prisoners. So students find that the old saying, "You can't live with them, you can't live without them," holds true for both sides.

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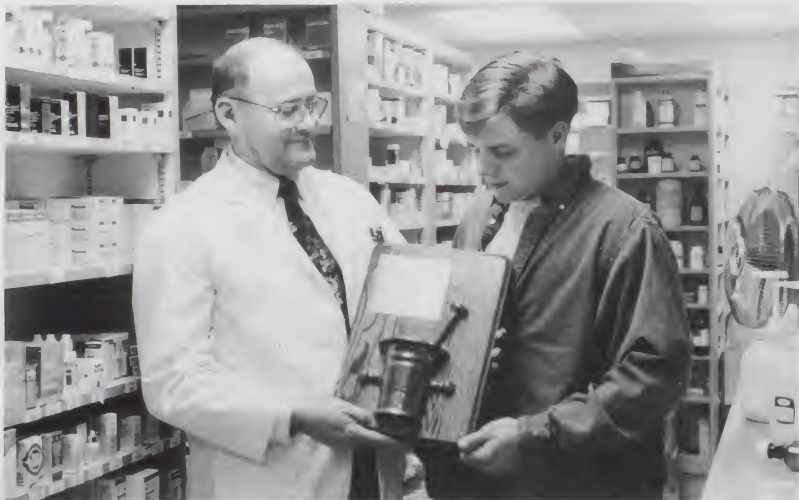
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While students entered the school and shivered from the cold air, many anxiously awaited the warm summer ahead. Others welcomed the frigidity and saw only a hot, humid school when the warm weather arrived. Teens constantly watched the thermometer to find out if they should shiver or sweat.

Most students, when deciding between hot and cold weather, usually chose the former. Teens found they could participate in more outdoor activities when the temperature rose. "It's easier to do things outside when it is hot. When the weather turns cold, you have to bundle up to go out," Cara Hilt, junior, said. "It becomes extra work."

Other students viewed the situation differently and chose cold weather as their favorite climate. Warm memories of winter kindled in the backs of their minds. "I like cold weather because it reminds me of winter sports, like skiing," Steve Rossi, freshman, said. "Unless you want to pay for it, it's hard to go snow skiing during the summer."

For some moderate teens, their favorite temperature fell between the two extremes. These students sweated out the summer, shivered through the winter, and decided upon two ideal seasons: spring and fall. "I like cool weather the best. If the weather is too hot or too cold, it becomes uncomfortable for me," Brian Ellis, senior, said.

Each student looked for their ideal day. The chances of finding that day would grow slim when teens needed an extreme temperature to satisfy their personal climactic requirements.

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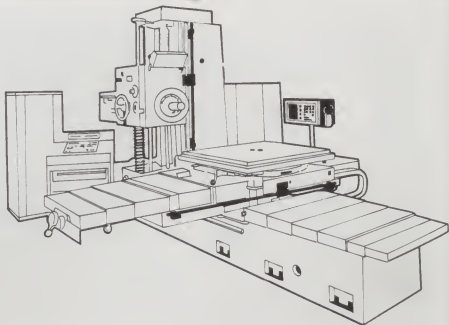


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For some students, organization and neatness came hand in hand with an orderly life. "I have so much to do that it forces me to manage my time well," Amy Brown, junior, said. "Everything must be neatly organized on my desk so I can find it. I don't have time to be looking for things."

Other students' efforts to keep organized failed, leaving them to drown in their messiness. "When my mom used to clean my room for me, I could be as sloppy as I wanted to be," Angela Bertagnolli, freshman, said. "But now that I have to clean my own room, I've found out that I'm a big slob."

Parents often influenced the organization of a student's belongings, giving them no choice but to keep everything neat. "When you have a six-foot dad nicknamed Bubba, you learn to keep things clean," Brian Eldridge, sophomore, said.

Living up to other people's expectations often played an important role in maintaining students' appearances. "When you have a reputation of being a classy guy, you have to remain neat and organized at all times," Mark Palmer, senior, said.

Whether a student has a locker overflowing with old homework and tattered books, or a bedroom floor clean enough to eat off of, neatness, or the lack of it, depended upon the student.



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When students realized that they had exhausted their funds, they turned to their parents to support them in time of financial difficulty. "Maybe if I had money I would have spent it, but I basically had to beg for it," Beth Mavronides, freshman, said. "Until I got a job I basically had to kiss up to my parents."

**SPENDING
VS.
SAVING**

While some students used their parents to secure a solid income, others utilized their own labor skills to promote their purchasing power. "I mowed lawns, because I didn't have a job, but I usually spent my salary right away on compact discs or something," Steve Narin, sophomore, said. "But most of the time I regretted that I had spent it."

Self-employed or otherwise, students faced the pending question of whether to spend or to save their salaries. "I usually save my money because I don't know when I'll need it, then whenever I do need it, I have it," Carrie Einsle, junior, said.

With graduation around the corner, the proposal of saving versus spending required more debating for seniors than for other students. "It was more important for me to save some of my money because next year I will be in college and it is more expensive than just going to high school," Tom Kapala, senior, said.

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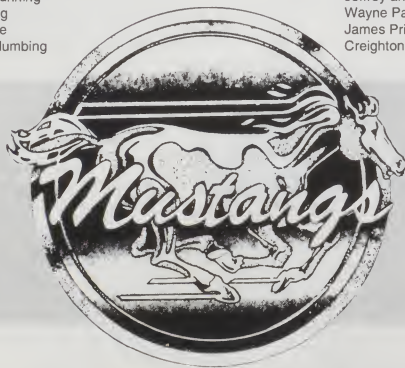
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Lost in the "Rib Cage of Suburbia" (otherwise known as the Ball State Journalism Workshops), among conversations with ducks, mating calls of "Uda Uda", male alerts and sightings of the Nude Dude, a bunch of girls and one lucky guy established our theme, spun it off, designed a cover, wrote some copy and finalized our coverage ladder... and then we just decided not to use it.

So, we went back to the drawing board— or, more accurately, the male board. Seeking divine inspiration from the likes of Kevin Costner, River Phoenix and Mel Gibson, we settled on our real theme, "What Will They Think of Next?"

Spending night after eternal night within the orange walls of the Pub, we struggled hopelessly with the Macintoshes, insulted men, corrected and rewrote copy, complained about the lack of men, erased spreads that were "almost done" and made sure that *everything* was consistent. In the midst of the commotion we took lemon rice soup breaks, had pleasant visits from Chuck and Sasha, and learned and expanded a vernacular unlike that of any other classroom.

Somewhere along the way, despite debilitating cramp attacks and frustrating computer bombs, we finally managed to finish the yearbook. We sent all 248 pages on disk to Herff-Jones, 6015 Travis Lane, PO Box 10, Shawnee-Mission, KS 66201, for printing.

The price of the book began at \$20 and rose to \$25 for those too lazy to buy it before Spring Break (including three top editors). The cover, created by our lovely, talented and incredibly photogenic design editor, was an embossed lithograph with pigskin texture and dull lamination using Ochre, Colonial Red, Turquoise and Black. The opening signature was printed on 100# Eurogloss and the rest of the book was in 80# Bordeaux.

All copy was set in Palatino, with theme copy in 14 point and all other copy in 10 point. Captions were in 8 point, 10 point or whatever size the computer editor was in the mood for.

Theme main headlines were set in Helvetica Bold, with reverse bars 100 percent black. The large letters and highlighted words were in Palatino Bold Italic.

Student Life headlines featured Palatino, with Helvetica in the 100 percent black reverse bars. The pulled quotes featured Helvetica Bold in 100 percent reverse bars and Bookman quote marks.

The Academics section headlines included a main head set in New Century and a large letter in 40 percent gray Avant

Garde Bold Heavy. The kicker and the lead featured Avant Garde.

Sports featured a separate headlines for each of the three seasons. Fall sports headlines began with a 20 percent gray Courier large letter, with a main head of Palatino and a Helvetica subhead. Winter sports featured a combination of Bookman and Palatino, with a large letter in gray Bookman. Spring sports showcased a Times large letter and main head with a Helvetica subhead and a 60 percent gray bar. Sports specials headlines were set in 40 percent gray and 100 percent black Palatino. The scoreboard was designed on Freehand in 30 percent gray and 100 percent black Palatino, with 20 percent gray bars. Moments of Glory were in Helvetica Bold Italic.

Clubs headlines featured Bookman with Helvetica Bold type reversed in 40 percent gray bars and a subhead of Helvetica and Helvetica Bold.

The People section was designed in a main head of gray Helvetica Bold with Helvetica Bold spinoffs reversed in 100 percent black bars. The subheads were set in Palatino Bold.

Ads headlines consisted of a combination of Times and Helvetica designed on Freehand. If all this technical jargon is over your head, don't worry. It's just a formality.

Now that all the dust from our industrious efforts has cleared, we'd like to extend a few thank-you's. Thanks to Commander for the affordable yet satisfying late-night meals; to the administration for trusting our judgment, taste and ethics; and Susan Taylor for her help, guidance and timely answers to our desperate questions. For all their help and cooperation, thanks to our photographers: Mr. Dave Russell, Don Milsap and Shanooooo! A heartfelt thank-you goes to Mary J. for keeping us up to date on the Chicago sports teams and for pointing out our broken trazell, and to all the scrubs for all their work and for cheerfully accepting their green sheets. And tons and tons of gratitude to the omniscient Mrs. Nancy Hastings for her infinite help, advice, patience, tolerance, knowledge, gossip and friendship during the entire 400 billion hours we've spent on the production of the 1992 Paragon.

Now That's Classy!!

Posing for one final picture, the top editors enjoy their last hurrah at the Journalism Banquet. Notice the lower position of the male compared to the superior gender. Coincidence? I think not.

NOT JUST A TOP TO DO LIST

INSIDE

SCOOP





making do with the no dancing rule, freshmen Marika Voukidis, Courtney Piekarski, Stephanie Rudd and Kristine Loprich cheer on their favorite band. Due to previously rowdy crowds, the administration prohibited dancing, moshing and standing on chairs.

trying to muffle the sound of five bands battling for a \$100 prize from Student Government, Mr. Jack King, Dean of Students, concentrates on his book. At Battle of the Bands, students cheered on their favorite bands from their seats while others opted to escape, from the scene even when they were on duty.



as the thrill of winning speech State mounts, speech members Amanda Fisher, junior, and Tracy Ruscinski, senior, can't hold in their excitement any longer. Using her

funny bone, Amanda placed first in Humorous Interpretation with her cut from "Smile", a take off from a teen beauty pageant.





Scarecrows • Aquariums • Die for SADD • Breathalizers • Ceiling fans •

breaking the dark dreary days of winter and spring, sudden surprises popped up everywhere to throw anyone for a curve.

Intimidating snowmen and football players appeared in the courtyards (courtesy of the Advanced Art Classes) to ward off predator crows and protect the *baby ducklings*.

Underground standing water halted journeys to Chicago as the *flooding river* brought the bustle of the busy city to a standstill.

Top-ranked *Paragon* and *Crier* brought home *Gold Crowns* as they paved the way for high school publications across the nation.

The stench of formaldehyde permeated the air as Advanced Placement (AP) Biology classes examined the internal workings of *fetal pigs*.

Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) brought a visit from the *Grim Reaper* and staged a mock drunk driving accident in the South parking lot as a deterrent to students going to Prom.

From detonating *stink bombs* in the hallways to playing with yo-yos in class, spontaneously creative students conjured up minor disruptions to put some spark in dull school days.

ORDINARY

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preparing an argentine barbecue in Spanish 3 class, Jim Brennan, junior, cooks steak for his classmates. Breaking away from the routine reports, students added a creative flair to their presentations, often leaving their teachers and peers wondering, what will they think of next?

WHAT

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Although students followed the usual schedule, they soon discovered that even the tiniest incident could catch them off guard. So just a word of caution: Be prepared. *Anything can happen.*

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased by 1.5 million, from 2.5 million in 1980 to 4 million in 1999. The public sector has grown from 10% of the economy to 15% of the economy.

There is a growing awareness of the need to improve the efficiency of the public sector. The public sector is now seen as a major source of inefficiency and waste. The public sector is now seen as a major source of inefficiency and waste.

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